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1913				
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14th "	ARABIA	8000	.....	...
21st "	DELTA	8000	MOREA	11000
28th "	INDIA	8000	.....	...
3rd July.	SALSETTE	6000	MARMORA	10500
12th "	HIMALAYA	7000	.....	...
19th "	SALSETTE	6000	MEDINA	12500
26th "	EGYPT	8000	.....	...
2nd Aug.	SALSETTE	6000	MOLDAVIA	10000
9th "	PERSIA	8000	.....	...
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Sydney	4142	Rat	27th Aug. 1913

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Olympia	5124	J. Kinnaird	15th June.
*Circassia	6722	C F. Osborne, R.N.R.	5th July.
Scindia	5106	Wm. Kelso	19th July
*Castalia	6388	G. Mitchell	3rd Aug.
*Elysia	6368	J.A.Coverley	17th Aug.
Massilia	5091	J. Thomson	1st Sept.
Olympia	5124	J. Kinnaird	17th Sept.
*Circassia	6722	C. F. Osborne, R.N.R.	4th Oct
Scindia	5106	Wm. Kelso	15th Oct.
*Castalia	6388	G. Mitchell	29th Oct.
*Elysia	6368	J. A. Coverley	11th Nov.
Massilia	5091	J. Thomson	29th Nov.
Olympia	5124	J. Kinnaird	13th Dec.
			1914
*Circassia	6722	C. F. Osborne, R.N.R.	4th Jan.
Scindia	5106	Wm. Kelso	16th Jan.
*Castalia	6388	G. Mitchell	31st Jan.

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Reserve Fund	" "	3,250,000,00
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SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £1,125,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... £ 562,500
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RESERVE FUNDS ..... £ 415.000

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RESERVE FUND..... £ 15,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS ..... £ 600,000

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The steamer Crossby 2,530 tons, Captain J. S. Williamson, sailed on Sunday for Hamburg etc with a general cargo.

The P. and O. Co's steamer Salsette, 2,391 tons, Captain A F Vine, R. N. R. sailed yesterday for Aden with mails, a general cargo and passengers.

The steamer Budrie, 1,613 tons, Captain A. Fisher, sailed on Saturday for Busreh via Karachi with a general cargo, and 97 deck passengers.

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The Austrian Lloyd's S. N. Company's steamer China 287, tons Captain Ginrovich which arrived in harbour on Saturday from Kobe 20th April brought a general cargo and 11 passengers.

The steamer Hannington Court, 3217 tons Captain J. M. Wilson, arrived in harbour on Saturday from Port Said 12th May with ballast.

The steamer Yeddo 2958 tons, Captain D. A. Gardiner which arrived in Bombay harbour on Saturday from Delagoa Bay, May 8, brought a cargo of coal.

The R. I. M. troopship Dalhousie, 1523 tons. Captain A. R Robinson, which arrived in Bombay harbour on Saturday from Aden having left that port on May 15, brought Government stores and troops. She also brought in tow the R. I. M. launch General Elles, 154 tons Captain R. D. Merriman.

The steamer Glen Clunny 3067 tons, Captain E. Taylor arrived in Bombay harbour on Sunday from Bassein May 2, with a general cargo.

The Hansa Line steamer Weissenfels 2438 tons, Captain J. Klaunchaff, arrived in harbour on Sunday from Hambury, April 8, via Karachi with a general cargo.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Dwarka, 759 tons, Captain Willoxon, arrived in harbour on Sunday from Busreh May 17, via Karachi and coast ports, with a general cargo and 3 cabin and 65 deck passengers.

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VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—MAY 24.

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Bahadur.....2391 Peel ....T M & Co
Gloutsham...3075 Weddess ...W & A G and Co
Clan Macolister.....3065 Clark .....J F and Co
Coimbra .....2516 Hyslop .....W & A G & Co
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Euryalus ....2285 Williams .....M M and Co
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Fitz zi.....202 Primrose.....T M and Co
Itonus.....3401 Sufferin ....F F and Co
Koroung.....2257 Purkis...W and A G and Co
Lancefield.....3671 Melkle .....T M & Co
Linga .....949 Butler .....M M and Co
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Moshtari.....1110 Cottrell .....T M and Co
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PRINCE'S DOCK.

Vessels.	Tons.	Capts.	Dest.	Date.	Agents.
A Itria	3419	Honywood ...	Karachi...	29-5	M M and Co
B Ormiston.....	3147	Hamilton...	Hull.....	30-5	J F & Co
C&R Montebello...	2770	Croft ...	Hull	27-5	J F and Co
D&E Sandon Hall...	3293	Rowlands...	Karachi...	26 5	K N & Co
F Uganda.....	3451	Archdeacon...	Calcutta ...		M M and Co
G Hoseinee...	998	Fanning...	17-5...	Aden...	23-5 T M & Co
Kaloma	3209	Keasley ...	Baltimore ...		28-5 W & A G & Co
N Kohistan'.....	2949	Owen ...	D'kirk	31-5...	M M and Co
P Patiala.....	1929	Bamber.....	M M and Co		
Q Caithness.....	2222	Ridland...	A'werp ...		28-5 ...T M and Co

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1 Cleopatra ...2129 Chersich .....Trieste... 2-6...A L S N Co
2 Quiloa.....4941 Cole...Akyab ...28-5... M M & Co
3 Dulwich.....2115 Cobb.....T M and Co
4 Lindula ...2118 Walsh ...Durban ...29-5... M M & Co
5 Dan ..... 2759 Cuchiel ...Trieste...23-5... W and A G and Co
6 Orissa...3525 Redfern ...Calcutta ...21-5... M M and Co
6 Westminister ...2764 Williams...T M & Co
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9 Baron Balfour...2552 Symonds...K N & Co
9 Beckbugen...2447 deHoud ...T M and Co
10 & 11 Kawachi Maru ...3321 Christiansen ... Kobe...28-5...N Y Kaisha
12 & 13 Oclaba ...3899 Robertson ...Antwerp ... 26-5...M M & Co
14 Kasara.....504 Burbridge...Bus ..29-5... M M & Co
15 Ischia...2431 Balsito...Kobe...26-5...R Line M W D D
Devanha.....4785 Hickey.....P and O Co

ARRIVALS.

May	Vessels.	Commanders.	From
24	Linga.....	Butler	Karachi May 23
	China.....	Gierovich ..	Kobe, Apl 20
	Han. Court....	Wilson... ...	Portsaid May 12
	Yeddo.....	Gardiner ...	D. Bay, May 8
	R.I.M.S. Dalhouse	Robinson ...	Aden May 15
	R.I.M.S. Genl Ellis.....	Merriman ..	Aden, May 15
25	Glen Clunny	Taylor.....	Bassein, May 2
	Weissenfels...	Klannchaff.	Hamburg, Apl 8
	Dwarka	Moxen	Basreh, May 17
	China	Tocque.....	Shanghai &c.

DEPARTURES.

May	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
24	S V. Langkat	Fries.....	Karachi
	Salsette	Vine.....	Aden
	Budrie.....	Fisher	Basreh &c
	Vadala.....	Cocklin ...	Calcutta &c
25	Bahadur	Pett	Calcutta
	Crossby	Williams ...	Hamburg &c

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

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The Anchor Line Co's steamer "Massilia," is due to arrive here on the morning of the 27th instant with the following passengers Mr J de Libersac, Mrs de Libersac.

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Kish s—330 bales cotton, Volkart Bros; 913 bales cotton, 2,640 cwts groundnuts 3,160 cwts poppyseed, Ralli Bros; 1,050 cwts bone sinews, R Kaderbhoy.

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Cleopatra s—1,500 cwts castorseed, Ralli Bros.

FOR KOBE.

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Kawachimaru s—30 bales cotton, Tata Sons and Co.

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Kawachimaru s—15 cwts raisins, 250 lbs. Indian condiments, M Poonjiaji and Sons.

SUN, MOON, AND TIDES AT BOMBAY.

The following are the hours and heights of the tides in Bombay Harbour during the ensuing week. Hours stated in Bombay Mean Time; depth of water is at Prince's Dock Sill.

HIGH WATER.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	Bombay Mean Time.			Depth on Sill.	
	May		h.	m.	ft.	in.
Mon	26	m	2	51	24	0
			3	41 a	26	2
Tues ...	27	m	3	42	23	5
			4	24 a	25	7
Wed ...	28	m	4	43	23	1
			5	11 a	25	3
Thurs ...	29	m	5	33	23	2
			6	3 a	25	1
Fri	30	m	7	14	28	9
			6	58 a	25	1

LOW WATER.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	Bombay Mean Time.			Depth on Sill.	
	May		h.	m.	ft.	in.
Mon	26	m	8	26	18	4
			10	21 a	20	4
Tues ...	27	m	9	12	19	4
			11	32 a	20	3
Wed ...	23		10	13	20	2
Thurs ...	29	m	0	31	19	11
		m	11	57	20	8
Fri	30	m	1	15	19	4
			0	58 a	20	10

The following are the hours of sunrise and sunset according to Indian Standard Time, during the ensuing week :—

May	Sunrise		Sunset.	
26 (Monday)	do	6h. 1m.	do	7h. 9m
27 (Tuesday)	do	6h. 1m.	do	7h. 10m
28 (Wednes)	do	6h. 1m.	do	7h. 10m
29 (Thurs)	do	6h. 1m.	do	7h. 11m
30 (Friday)	do	6h. 1m.	do	7h. 11m

PHASES OF THE MOON.— Last Quarter, May 28th, 5h. 33·7m. a.m. New Moon, June 5th, 1h. 27·0m. a. m. First Quarter, 11th, 10h. 7·3m. p.m. Full Moon, 13th, 11h. 23·7m. p.m.

An interesting sidelight on what Insurance Companies in India consider to be good and bad risks is furnished by Dr. Adrian Caddy in the current number of the "Indian Medical Gazette." He says that the classes of risks considered bad are Rajahs and wealthy landowners,—persons corresponding to West-End lives at Home. "These risks," he says, "often live lines of extreme luxury surrounded by courtiers and poor relations only too anxious for their speedy demise, and except in a few cases there is no athletic spirit as in England, which can counteract the effects of rich living; when they insure they do so for large sums and there is often difficulty in making a satisfactory medical examination owing to their dislike to visiting the examiner's house. Native female lives, most companies will not insure no any terms, female life is not held in the same esteem as male life, and death, the result of inattention during confinement, accounts for a high female mortality.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE charges for announcement of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS and MEMORIAM NOTICES, which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender, are Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

MARRIAGE.

BARTLETT—WOODWARD.—At Sialkot on 10th May, by the Registrar, Walter James Bartlett, son of D. James Bartlett, of Martock, Somerset, to Violet Abigail Woodward, daughter of the late Chas. Liddell and Mrs. Liddell, of Mussoorie.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Olympia Picture Palace, Sandhurst-road.
Cinema De Luxe, 6-30 and 10 p. m.
Excelsior Cinematograph, 6-30 to 8; 8-30 to 9-30; and 10 to 11-30.
America-India Cinematograph, Charni-road.
Alcazar Cinematograph, Edwardes Theatre, 6-30 and 10 p. m.
Coronation Cinematograph "Harishchandra," Sandhurst-road.

Maxim: An active life is a religious duty.

RAILWAY TIME-TABLE.

[In force from 1st March, 1913.]

The following are the hours of arrival and departure of the principal Mail and Express trains at and from Victoria Terminus and Colaba daily. Standard time is given in all cases :—

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

	Arr.	Dep.
Punjab Mail	12-35	19-14
Calcutta Mail (via Jubbulpur)	13-20	21-0
Calcutta Mail (via Nagpur)	8-45	14-0
Madras Mail	6-0	22-0
Poona Mail	11-10	14-45
Delhi Express (3rd and inter. class)	6-50	7-30
Poona Express	19-35	8-0
Manmad Express	12-20	14-20
Postal Express for Punjab ...		*
do do for Calcutta ...		*
do do for Madras ...		*

* Four hours after Mail steamer is signalled on Fridays only.

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

	Arr.	Dep.
Northern Express	7-30	21-0
Guzerat Mail	8-35	21-50
Third Class Express ...	6-45	17-0

POONA GAYAN SAMAJ.—His Excellency Lord Willingdom has been pleased to become a patron of the Samaj.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails consisting of specially superscribed correspondence for Singapore and Japan, per s. s. "Ischia," will be closed at the General Post Office at 2 p. m., to-day.

BURNING FATALITY.—A Hindu boy named Raghunath Sitaram, aged six years, who resided with his parents in Falkland-road, set his clothes on fire while playing with a light. The whole of his right side was severely burnt before the blaze could be extinguished. He was treated at home but died on Friday, as a result of his injuries.

PARSEE SURGEON-OCULIST HONOURED.—Information received by the last mail, says that Dr. K. S. Ghaswala of "Eye Clinic," 3, Church Gate Street, has been elected a member of the Ophtalmological Society of the United Kingdom.

OPIUM POISONING—On Friday morning, one Magan Poonja was picked up at his residence in Bhuleshwar, in a dying condition, and was taken to the G. T. Hospital, where he subsequently died. The post-mortem examination showed that he had succumbed to the effects of opium poisoning. An inquest was held on the body, and the jury returned a verdict of suicide by opium.

HONOURING A PRIEST.—A general meeting of the "Kadmi" Parsis of Bombay was held yesterday at Dadysett Fire Temple, Mr. N. J. Gamadia presiding, when Dastur Dinshah Jivanji Garda was presented with a costly shawl on behalf of the Community in token of his appointment as Dastur of the Kadmi Section of the Parsis. The Dastur was also presented with a shawl by Dr. Khursedji N. Sahiea, on behalf of the trustees of the Fire Temple.

JUNIOR N.-C. O.S' BALL.

PLEASANT FUNCTION AT COLABA.

On Saturday night the Junior Non-Commissioned Officers of the R. G. A., held a ball on the Officers' tennis court at Colaba. The idea was quite an original one, and a function similar to this had not been held in Bombay before. The grounds were profusely decorated with Union Jacks, and a splendid display of coloured lanterns and fairy lamps, combined with the clear moonlit sky above gave the scene an effect such as had not been seen in Bombay for a long time. The feature of this dance was that the decorations and the ladie's costumes were all designed in the three colours of the Union Jack, so that the dancing floor contained a dazzling display of colours. The Band of the Sherwood Foresters provided the music.

Among those present were General Gorringe, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding Bombay Brigade; Colonel Vincent; Major Nevinson, R. F. A.; Major Russel, R. E.; Major Nicol; Major Alexander, R. A.; Capt. and Mrs. Collins, Sherwood Foresters; Major and Mrs. Shipman; Capt. and Mrs. a'Beckett, R. A.; Capt. and Mrs. A. Mayne R.A.; Officers of the R.I. M. S. "Dufferin"; R.I.M.S. "Hardinge"; and the Bombay Volunteer Artillery and the Bombay Volunteer Rifles, Lieut. and Mrs. Bandford, R.E.; Miss Lloyd and the Nursing Sisters; Lieuts. Heaton Ellis, Curtis, Percival, Underbill, Troup, Tennent, and Wilson, R. A.; Rev. C. E. Coetlagone, Chaplain to the Forces; Rev. Lloyd Thomas, Roman Catholic Chaplain and many others.

Refreshments were provided on a lavish scale by the Junior N.-C. O.s' Club, who organised the dance and great credit is due to them for the successful conduct of the function. The proceedings went off without a hitch and were kept up till the small hours of the morning, when the party dispersed after the singing of the National Anthem and cheers for the King-Emperor.

VISCOUNT KITCHENER will leave for England on July 1 or 2. Contrary to reports published, the visit has no connection with the Mariout Railway purchase, and the proposal to initiate a new route from Europe to Cairo *via* Sollum Bay.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

POLICE COURTS.

ALLEGED BREACH OF TRUST.

A EUROPEAN CHARGED.

On Saturday, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Inspector Morris of the C.I.D. charged R. H. Bunnel, who was brought from England, on Friday, with criminal breach of trust in respect of a sum of Rs. 1,163, belonging to Messrs. Treacher and Co. The accused, it appears, was assistant manager of Messrs. Treacher and Co., Ltd., till the end of July, 1912. When he left the firm, the books showed that a sum of Rs. 288 was due from the Accountant-General of Alwar, and that another sum amounting to Rs. 725 was due in the name of the officer commanding the Jodhpur Cavalry. Bills were prepared and sent for these sums, to which replies were received stating that the amounts had been sent in currency notes by means of registered letters. The books of the firm did not show any such receipts. The registered letters were usually received by the assistant manager, who opened them, and if any money was enclosed, it was sent to the cashier and his signature obtained for the receipt of the amount. In the above two cases the book showed that the letters were received by Bunnel, but the initials of the cashier were not obtained as they should have been. In June, 1912, a note for £10 was received from a branch of the firm and was taken by Bunnel. Under the prevailing rules of the office, the note should have been forwarded to the firm's agents by the following mail. This note had not been received by the firm's agents. Enquiries were made and the number of the note was found to have been K5942265. And this was traced to have been paid into Barclay's Bank, London, by Messrs. Bulard, King & Co. Further inquiries elicited the fact that a note for £10 was cashed at the bar of the steamer "Umvorosi" on its voyage from Bombay to London. Bunnel was one of the passengers by that boat. It is alleged that these sums were received between the 1st of April 1912 and the 31st of July of the same year.

Bunnel applied to the Court for an adjournment of the hearing and requested that he might be allowed bail as he had been in custody for the last three months.

Mr. Morris objected to bail being allowed.

His Worship adjourned the hearing of the case till the 29th and rejected the application for bail. He added that the offence was a non-bailable one.

BOY THIEVES.

On Saturday, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Smith charged two boys named Kesav Hiruba and Deva Dharma, both twelve years old, with the theft of Rs. 300. The boys were employed as peons in the Bombay Samachar office. On the 27th of April last, the Manager of the paper had placed currency notes for Rs. 300 in a cupboard and missed them about the 5th of May. The police arrested the boys, and Rs. 212 with some ornaments and clothing were recovered from them. Both the accused pleaded guilty and were ordered to be sent to the Reformatory for four and five years respectively.

Shankar Hiruba, brother of the first accused, was then charged with receiving stolen property. He said that the money had been given to him by his brother, who explained that it was a gift from his master.

The Magistrate convicted the accused and sentenced him to rigorous imprisonment for one month.

A DISHONEST COLLECTOR.

Trimbak Hathiram, formerly employed as a bill-collector in the firm of Purushottam Vallabhram Shiv, was charged before Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Chief Presidency Magistrate, with criminal breach of trust as a servant, in respect of a sum of Rs. 257, collected by him being the outstandings of the firm.

Mr. Mohanlal M. Desai, pleader, appeared for the complainant.

The accused used to pay in all collections as soon as made. For some days the accused absented himself from his duties, and it was discovered that he had collected a sum of Rs. 257 of the outstandings and granted receipts for the same in the name of the firm.

The accused admitted having received the money, and said that he had squandered some of the amount and sent the rest to his native place. The Magistrate sentenced the accused to two months' rigorous imprisonment.

KIDNAPPING A MINOR.

At the Mazagon Police Court, before Mr Athavle, Fourth Presidency Magistrate Amursing, a Mahomedan, was charged with kidnapping Herabai, a Native Christian school girl, aged eleven years, and with stealing ornaments valued at Rs. 26, from her person.

The accused, it was alleged, kidnapped the girl from the Church Mission School in Bombay and took her to Ahmedabad, where he kept her in a house of ill-fame.

The Ahmedabad Police receiving instructions from Bombay, arrested the man and he and the girl were brought to Bombay.

The Magistrate, after recording the evidence, committed the accused to be tried at the ensuing Criminal Sessions of the High Court.

FACTORY PROSECUTIONS.

Mr. Frank Oliveira, Second Presidency Magistrate, disposed of the case in which Mr. Whitaker, Factory Inspector, charged Jesso Sonoo, head blow-room jobber, New Islam Mill, under the Factory Act, with not having three disk doors on structure frames securedly locked.

The accused pleaded guilty and was fined Rs. 50.

A VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

A successful variety entertainment was held on Saturday night in the hall of the Antonio De Souza School at Byculla, in aid of the poor of the Society of Our Lady of Piety, Mazagon. The programme contained several items of interest. The songs by some of the ladies, and the piano solo by a small girl, named Miss Sylvia Mendoza, were much applauded. Mr. A. H. Grove gave an exhibition of heavy weight lifting, and the comic songs by Mr. E. C. Jolley caused much merriment. The second part of the comic drama, "His Nephew's Wife," formed the last item on the programme and the characters of Louis De Lorval, a Paris student, by Mr. A. Mendoza and of Rose Duboi, a maker of artificial flowers, by Miss C. Esperance, were much appreciated,

SPORTING NEWS.

BOXING IN BOMBAY.

SHERWOOD FORESTERS' TOURNAMENT.

THE FINALS.

There was a great improvement in the attendance when, on Saturday night, this tournament came to a close with no less than fourteen events. Having time to spare, an extra contest was put on, mainly to give Hutchinson a chance, as it was disappointing for him to have come from Kamptee to put up two good fights without a prize. He and Randall indulged in five spirited rounds and the judges disagreed. In the other match, two volunteers tried conclusions, and Halliburn stuck out pluckily against a stronger lad in Michael.

Two open events were decided, the heavier going as expected to Sly; but by no means as comfortably as most people anticipated. In his usual style, he continually went for his man but, though he had had enough by the last round, Peduzzi fought back admirably and received his full share of applause. It was hard on Feast to have to turn out twice, figuring in the open after winning a hard go in the regimental bantams. In the former he met Burns, who was palpably too strong for him and administered the "coup de grace" in the last minute.

A popular win was that of Kubes in the Volunteer Championship, as he was giving away a substantial amount of weight to La Touche. The latter took things rather easily most of the time, and when he tried to bring off a knock-out, he found Kubes too wary. Being the better boxer, the latter only had to last out to win, which he did.

The prizes at the close were given away by Major-General Gorringe, C.B., D.S.O., the last act of a really good week's sport. Though they have not had as much support as might have been expected, the Sherwoods may feel satisfied that the excellence of the arrangements and whole-heartedness of the boxing has been very fully appreciated. Gameness on the part of the competitors has been quite a feature, and it is to be hoped that they will afford us further opportunities of witnessing manly exhibitions of a sport which brings out good points as well as exposing bad ones.

Details are as follows:—

Novices, 10st. 4lbs.—Cpl. Saunders vs. Pte. Staples. A quiet first round's sparring; but in the second, Staples had the pull with some good straight lefts. He went for his man in the third, Saunders standing up well to hard right swings. Later, Staples relied on his left, and scoring well, won on points.

Boys' Class C.—Boy Kilminster vs. Boy Myerscough. Myerscough was the stronger, set the pace, and let Kilminster off when momentarily winded. In the second he went for the mark but opening the third, he swung a right to the jaw. Kilminster rose in time and lasted pluckily. Myerscough won.

Regimental Bantam Weights.—Pte. Feast vs. Pte. Spick. Feast bore in at once and rushed to the ropes, having the better of it; though Spick's left was good. He was wild in the second with swings and was warned for hitting in the break-away. The third was very hot, Spick jabbing him off with double leads. A right to the head sent Feast down for five, but he finished up ahead on points. Feast won.

Regimental 10st.—Pte. Blackham vs. Pte. Bentley. The first round was tame, but in the second there was a good mill—slogging without science. Bentley had very slightly the better of it, but had to give in owing to a damaged thumb.

Regimental, 9st.—Lce.-Cpl. Dunkerley vs. Lce.-Cpl. Wilson. There was nothing in it in the first, Wilson pressing in the second rather wildly and meeting a good left. The third was fast, Dunkerley's left opening Wilson's eye, but the latter kept at him hard with both gloves and won by a narrow margin.

Regimental Middle Weights.—Lce.-Cpl. Taylor vs. Lce.-Cpl. Dunn. Dunn was the sturdier but Taylor had a pull in reach, using his left to keep Dunn off. Continuing to press, Dunn promised well, but late in the second appeared to have hurt his left. At the opening of the third, Taylor swung a right to the jaw which had Dunn guessing, and another in the same place sent him down for "keeps."

Boys' Class A.—Boy Tippet vs. Boy Crump. Crump was much too strong for Tippet and in the first round sent him down twice with rights to the point. The second time Tippet failed to rise and took some time to recover.

Challenge Match.—Vol. Halliburn vs. Cadet Michael (both B. V. R.). Equal in height, Michael was the stronger and pressed all the time. From a right to the jaw Halliburn went down and rose groggy, to go down again just on the bell. He recovered well and saw it out pluckily, there being some clever ducking in the third. Michael won.

Regimental 10st. 7lbs.—Sergt. Adkin vs. Pte. Dunn. The first was rather uneventful, warming up in the second with Dunn pressing, being stronger. A good third round, Dunn doing well with his left; but Adkin quicker with a smart "one-two." An extra round being ordered, they hammered away chest to chest and though Adkin was tiring fast, he had it on points.

Open to All-India 10st. 7lbs.—Pte. Sly (Middlesex) vs. Pte. Peduzzi (L. N. Lancs). Sly at once forced the pace, but Peduzzi fought him off well. In rushes Sly used a good downward right jab and scored a knock-down. In the second, Sly scored with left to head and right follow to body. Peduzzi got out of corners well, the safest means of defence being to attack. In the third he continued to slam back though tiring, but Sly was always on top, making mostly for the mark. Sly won.

Open to All-India, 8st. 7lbs. (Bantams).—Pte. Burns (L. N. Lancs) vs. Pte. Feast (1st S. F.). It was not a vigorous first round, Burns having an advantage in weight and pressing. Burns had distinctly the better of the second, Feast rushing and clinching to avoid punishment. The inevitable happened in the third. Feast dazed with a right on the jaw rushed in to hold, but was met with another and went down for the count.

Novices, 9st. 4lbs.—Pte. Murfitt vs. Pte. Clarke. Well matched in build, Clarke hit the harder, neither anxious to guard. Early in the second, Clarke sent a stinging right home to the head; Murfitt stood it, but had to give in with a strained shoulder.

Volunteer Championship.—Vol. Kubes (B. V. R.) vs. Vol. La Touche (G. I. P. R. V.). Kubes had a slightly longer reach, but La Touche was much the stronger. Kubes used a quick left and ducked away smartly from a couple of dangerous swings. La Touche seemed to take it as a huge joke, possibly imagining he could get in a knock-out when he liked. Told to mix it more, he still failed to get home swings; and though his blows were light, Kubes scored points. Again ordered to fight, La Touche went in with determination; but Kubes boxed cleverly and won on points.

Five-Round Contest.—Rif. Hutchinson (R.I.R.) vs. Pte. Randall (Middlesex). Randall fought steadily all through and used a good left. Hutchinson was thicker set and rushed, but most of his blows to the body landed harmlessly on his opponent's sides. In the fourth, Randall showed signs of tiring and Hutchinson used his left more, which he should have done in the early stages. The latter made up points in the last two rounds, the judges disagreed, and a fair verdict of a draw was given.

NEGOMBO (CEYLON) COCO-NUT ESTATES, LD.

In another column we publish the prospectus of the above Company which has a Capital of £175,000, divided into 100,000 6 per cent. Cumulative Participating Preference Shares of £1 each, and 75,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each. An issue at Par of 75,000 Cumulative Participating Preference Shares is notified, payable as to 2s. 6d. per Share on application; 2s. 6d. per Share on allotment; 5s. per Share 1 month after allotment; 5s. per Share 2 months after allotment; and 5s. per Share 3 months after allotment. The Preference Shares are preferred as to Capital, and are entitled to a fixed cumulative preferential dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on the Capital for the time being paid up thereon, thereafter the surplus profits of the Company available for distribution in any year will, after providing for the payment to the holders of the Ordinary Shares of a dividend of 6 per cent., be divisible among the Preference and Ordinary Shareholders in proportion to the amount paid up on their Shares. The Directors are: Sir Arthur Henry Temple Martindale, K.C.S.I., Guildcroft, Guildford (Chairman); Mr. Horace Drummond Deane-Drummond, J.P., The Boyce Court, Dymock, Gloucester (Retired Planter, Director of Wallardie Tea Estates, Limited);

Real-Admiral William Fane De Salis, M.V.O., R.N. Brookfield, Alverstoke, Hants;

Captain Ernest Fitzroy Morrison-Bell, M.P., Pitt House, Chudleigh, Devon; (Director of the Teign Valley Granite Company, Ltd.);

Mr. Francis Crosbie Roles, Aspley Guise, Bedfordshire, (Director Kelantan Produce and Development Company, Ltd.).

The Company has been formed for the objects specified in its Memorandum of Association and in particular to purchase and carry on as from 1st January, 1913, the Badalgama and Indiwinne Coco-nut Estates situated near Negombo, Ceylon, and having together an area of 1,166 acres, also a further area of over 50 acres adjoining Indiwinne, making a total area of 1,216 acres, together with all trees, buildings, and other property thereon, whether moveable or immoveable, including all plants, tools, and accessories and all live stock used or employed in connection with the said premises.

Certificates, show that the profits for the two years and six months ended 31st December, 1912, average over £8,000 per annum, despite the fact that during one season comprised in that period the crops throughout Ceylon suffered severely from the exceptional drought.

Taking Mr. Carry's estimate of the crop for the present year, viz.: 2,550,000 nuts and the price of Copra for the year at Rs. 90 per candy (which is less than the present price) the nett profit for 1913 from Copra alone should amount to £10,500 after meeting the cost of improved cultivation, the benefit of which will be experienced later, and as the Company is entitled to the profits as from 1st January, 1913, the Perference dividend is amply secured from the commencement.

The present issue will provide £15,000 additional working capital which will suffice for the installation of the fibre and desiccating mills recommended by Mr. Alan Long Price, and leave a substantial balance for improved cultivation and the acquisition of adjoining lands, for which negotiations are in progress. In addition 25,000 Perference Shares have been reserved for future issue.

Mr. Carry estimates the crops on these two Estates can eventually be brought up to 3,800,000 nuts per annum, or approximately double the average yield for the two years ending January 30th, 1912. These figures are borne out by the census of palms given in Mr. Long Price's report when the full number have reached maturity. This with the improved cultivation advised by Mr. Long Price, for the cost of which provision will now be made, appears reasonable, as does the calculation of 1,150 nuts to the candy.

The properties acquired will be free from incumbrance, as the present issue of £75,000 Participating Perference Shares is well secured both as to capital and dividend.

A perusal of the Prospectus obtainable at the Offices of the "Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China" will show that on the estimated crop for the present year the dividend on the Preferred shares now offered to the public is secured from the commencement, while the establishment of a 'fibre and dessicating' plant should increase the returns to a very much higher figure. Add to this the other areas under negotiation and the planting which is intended to be taken in hand and in a few years time the estates should increase very largely in value. We understand that the Company will have the benefit of a patent system of oil-refining which has already been proved in a commercial scale showing very largely enhanced prices for the oil so obtained.

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CALCUTTA MARKET.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, May 24.

There was less activity in the market for coal shares to-day, and prices were all round a shade easier.

The jute market was closed, and in the gunny market there was a good deal of inquiry, most of it, however, unworkable.

Of the July-September hessians, there are buyers at 16·10 and sellers at 16·12, and there is about the same margin between buyers and sellers in the near position.

CAPTAIN C. E. VAUGHAN, Coldstream Guards, who has been appointed Aide-de-camp to the Governor of Bombay, has served in Household Troops since March, 1901, and joined his battalion in time to take part in the campaign in Cape Colony during the closing stages of the operations of 1902. (Queen's medal with three clasps) Captain Vaughan is a member of the ancient Welsh family, the head of which is the Earl of Lisburne and whose possessions have been in the family for over 700 years.

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M. MARCONI BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

DURING the tendering of evidence, relevant and irrelevant, at the interminable Marconi inquiry, the feelings of the great inventor of the wireless system must have resembled those of a learned specialist who might hear his patients describing their symptoms in language neither scientific nor accurate. The calmness and detachment that marked the written statement which M. Marconi asked permission to read to the Committee, when his turn to give evidence came, was a relief to those who follow in weariness of mind the very divergent course of the investigation. The inventor commented, not too harshly, on the incorrectness of many answers given by important witnesses intimating that in quoting distances they had erred "in almost every instance," having evidently omitted to verify their figures. M. Marconi did not say that the mistakes were intentional; but he did insist that distances were overestimated when it was a question of other systems, and under-estimated when dealing with the Marconi system. In his clear resumè of his wireless telegraphy, he premised that all distances were calculated in sea-miles and had been measured by him, the figures being confirmed by a sea captain and an ex-Lieutenant of the Royal Navy. The Chairman and Chief Adviser of the Marconi Wireless Telegraphic Company then gave a short and graphic history of the growth of the invention from 1895, the time of his first experiments in Italy, when a span of two miles seemed a limit worth reaching. He went through the successive developments of the system with a total absence of boasting, though there was at times an excusable heat in his assertion that the performances of his Company were their own, and had not been surpassed by any other. Ever since his demonstration at Spezzia, the Italian Navy have used his wireless system in their warships. M. Marconi related how the attempt to span greater distances seemed at first foiled by the inability to erect masts high enough to conquer the effect of the curvature of the earth and how subsequently that difficulty disappeared in obedience to no special scientific formula. He referred to his discovery, when experimenting on the "Philadelphia," in 1902, that the day time was far more unfavourable to wireless telegraphy than the night. His sketch of the Poldhu installations, and the great developments and modifications they led to, included mention of a series o long messages, sent to the "Times" in 1902, and of the considerable increase in the distance over which his system could work—from 200 miles to 2,669.

Early in 1903, M. Marconi was able to send constant messages to the "Times," as could be seen from its columns in that year; but, as spring advanced the power weakened, and the service was discontinued. M. Marconi touched on the "horizontal direction aerial," a method of projecting messages which will do the work without high masts, or as well as a mast twice or thrice the height of the Eiffel Tower would do it if engineering science could erect and render safe such a device. But it is found more economical to have a number of smaller masts to despatch the wireless message on its thousands of miles' course. The Trans-Atlantic service has never been discontinued since 1908 except once when Glace Bay suffered from fire. Wireless messages and light travel at the same rate, a little faster than cablegrams, though roughly both may be termed instantaneous. The "New York Times" tested this by getting the line cleared at both sides of the Atlantic, and having a message handed in in London at a fixed time. It reached the office of that enterprising journal ten minutes later, a distance of 3,473 nautical miles. M. Marconi claimed that his system worked over the longest distances both by day and night. It sends messages to Buenos Ayres from Clifden, over 5,849 miles. Speaking of his personal work, the inventor took the responsibility for the apparatus on more than 1,000 ships, for the planning of four stations which transmit messages 2,000 miles and upwards; viz, Clifden, Glace Bay, Coltano, and Massana. Twenty other stations in various countries are also his work. In his wireless travels he has crossed the Atlantic sixty times, on ships equipped with his system, and, if he added up the time he spent in warships alone, it would run into years, while he and his Companies have expended on his inventions somewhere about £360,000. In the story of his relations with the General Post Office, he declared he had been shown no special favour. As to the Poulsen system, he had never endeavoured to purchase it.

M. Marconi disagreed totally with some of Mr. Taylor's evidence describing the statements of that Post Office expert as "inaccurate and misleading." Sir Henry Norman, too, was wrong when he said that the Marconi system was not in use in the United States Government stations. It was, and new stations were being constructed. It was equally incorrect of Sir H. Norman to say that there was no experience of any one working 2,000 miles over tropical lands; for, on September 28th 1912, no other than Sir H. Norman, by the courtesy of the Italian Government and the permission of M. Marconi himself, was present at Coltano, and learned that that station communicated with Massana, 2,238½ miles away in the tropics, and deep in desert lands. Not only did M. Marconi make good use of this opportunity of liberating his soul on such important and interesting topics, but he assured the Committee that he had never speculated in shares of his Companies, though he always supported them and sold shares, regardless of the condition of the market when money was needed. He made it a rule to take part of every issue made by his Companies, but he never had anything to do with syndicates. He wound up his statement with a very natural protest against the reflection that had been made on his Company and on the inquiry into, and the publication of, its affairs. It must have been hard for a man whose whole time and thoughts are devoted to such an absorbing pursuit as that he is engaged in, to find all the issues which might keep the progress of his invention, apparently forgotten, or subordinated to a consideration of the justice or injustice of certain sordid bazaar rumours affecting persons, who, in comparison with the far-reaching influence of his great invention, are of no consequence whatever. One of the final questions put to him, whether his Company had suffered any loss in the delay caused by the inquiry, brought the simple reply, the loss was considerable. But this result seemed to be of quite secondary importance either to him or to the Committee.

THE POLO TEAM. It would be unwise to be jubilant too soon, but it is quite evident that the form of the British polo team in America is very much astonishing the Americans. And, as Uncle Sam is not in the habit, without cause, of eulogising imported goods as compared with his own, it would seem that the Englishmen have, on this occasion, a really good chance of winning the cup. Uncle Sam's business instinct told him, as soon as he saw the team, that this time he had got "the real goods," and it was a very significant sign that, as reported in an earlier message, the betting odds which had been against England, promptly dropped to evens after the Englishmen's first appearance. Since then we have heard nothing but praise for the pace, dash, vigour, and skill, and horsemanship of the team. All these qualities are described by Reuter's messages as having impressed the American public; and surely a team, which possesses them all in a marked degree, must be one of the highest quality. In the latest game, the team has scored very heavily against what is admitted to be one of the strongest combinations they have yet met. It included Mr. Stoddard, who is one of the four selected for the American Cup team, and also Mr. Freake. We do not know how Mr. Freake is able to accommodate himself to the style of the Americans, with whom he has now played on two occasions, but he was probably of considerable assistance to them. He is presumably the first reserve of the English team, and the hospitality of the Americans, which has enabled him to obtain such valuable practice and experience, must be recognised. There is still some time to go before the cup matches commence; but, if nothing arises to cause the present form of the Englishmen to deteriorate, they should be able to enter the field against Meadowbrook with high hopes.

MADRAS RAILWAY STRIKE. THE general strike, which has been ordered by the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants of the employees of the Madras and Southern Maratha Railway, is a very unwelcome sign of the times. Hitherto we have not been strangers to strikes in India, but this is the first occasion on which we have had a strike organised on so large a scale as a "general" strike, and in which an organisation, including others than those directly concerned in the dispute, has played so prominent a part. So far, such strikes as we have known, have been principally sectional, and have been of brief duration. This has been because employers and employed have always been willing to meet and discuss grievances frankly, each with a desire to settle their differences amicably. We do not believe that there is any need for any more elaborate machinery than this for the settlement of disputes in India, and we deplore the prominent part which has been taken on the present occasion by a trade union. Trade unions we do not believe to be suitable to the present conditions of life in India. Should their influence be extended, so that they may be established in other industries in which mainly native labour is employed, the ignorance and prejudices of the native labourers will render them peculiarly liable to abuse for political purposes. We sincerely hope, therefore, that the present strike will be short-lived, and that it will have no outcome which will in any way strengthen the trade union movement here. Trade unions doubtless have their legitimate uses at Home, but India is not yet sufficiently developed for them.

ASIATICS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA. WHEN CALIFORNIA has settled her differences with Japan, we may expect to hear of an exchange of communications between British Columbia and our ally. Mr. Danvers Osborn, writing in a current review, points out that the Asiatic problem in the Colony has become acute. For the services he rendered in the early stages of its development that Colony is grateful to the Chinaman, who literally made bricks without straw at an extremely low daily wage. To-day, however, the labour situation is altogether different; men of British origin are standing next the wall, whilst Asiatics and other foreigners, drawn from the lower European nations, occupy their places at a lower wage—market valuation. The breaking-point has been reached. "Impervious to discomforts, the Asiatic, more especially 'our little brown brother,' is acquiring a stronghold by concentration, phalanx, and gradually unrestricted energy, on every industry under the sun in this fair province. He menaces our industries, and threatens to depreciate the economic valuation of labour far below the least-computed standard. And the popular verdict is expressed in the opinion that he must be eliminated by any process possible, but mainly and peremptorily by a strict law of Total Exclusion. In short, the Asiatic must go." Thus Mr. Osborn tells us further that British Columbia is afraid of Japan. The small cloud, which at one time only affected unskilled labour, has become the menace, foreshadowing a pall of darkness threatening Commercial extinction; consequently the antagonism directed against all Asiatics is widely manifest.

THE £-3 TAX IN NATAL. A GRAVE admission was made in the Union House of Assembly, when General Smuts stated that the proceeds of the £-3 tax on Indians in Natal was unimportant. This being so, there can be no possible ground on which to advocate its retention. General Smuts says he is discussing the policy of the tax with the Natal members; and, of course, it was more the policy concerned than the expected return that prompted its imposition. However, now that it is admitted that, from a revenue point of view, the tax is of no value, it is difficult to see how its retention can be advocated in face of the hardship and wrong, which it is known to have inflicted. It is admitted that it has driven men to crime and women to immorality. When the Union Government has promised to give the Indians, already resident in South Africa, a measure of fair treatment, it is clearly impossible to defend this iniquitous tax. We share the surprise of the Opposition that it has not been removed, and its belief that its abolition had been conceded in deference to Imperial opinion. If the Union Ministry do not find themselves very quickly in a position to recommend its abolition to Parliament, it will plainly be the duty of the Imperial Government to renew its pressure.

DEVELOPMENT OF ADEN. THE report of the Aden Chamber of Commerce, for the past two years just to hand, shows the steady development of the Port. The total trade from April 1910 to March 1911 was valued at Rs. 10,56,71,817, whilst last year it grew to Rs. 12,37,92,207. The very considerable increase was shown to be chiefly due to bigger figures in imports and exports of treasure, 100·49 lakhs and of merchandise, 80·71 lakhs, the latter principally in cotton manufactures and twist, grain and pulse, and half a dozen other commodities. The blockade of the Red Sea Ports in 1911-12 had the effect of showing increased trade returns, as all goods, usually shipped direct to Hoodeidah and other blockaded ports, were carried to Aden for transport overland or transhipment at favourable opportunities.

PORTUGAL'S NAVY. THE new Portugal is making a bid to become a naval power. Anyhow, she is about to make a start; and, to that end, the Government has drawn up a programme of ship-building and British firms have tendered successfully for the construction of the nucleus of a modern fleet. The programme is certainly a modest one—two 2,600-ton cruisers, six 900-ton destroyers, three submarines, and a back ship for the latter. The cruiser will be of 25-knot speed, and the destroyers of 30-knot speed. The cruisers and destroyers will be built in England. The cost of this little programme is stated to be £1,500,000. The Portuguese navy at present consists of one old battleship, six protected cruisers, built in from 1884 to 1898, a few gunboats, three destroyers, half a dozen torpedo boats, and a new submarine, which is being built at Spezzia.

OWING to an accident on the G. I. P. Railway, the Punjab mail arrived on Saturday between seven and eight hours late. The departure of the mail-steamer "Salsette" consequently was delayed until shortly before eleven o'clock on Saturday night.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

SPANISH KING IN PARIS.

THE BALKANS.

FRENCH FINANCIAL DEFICIT

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, May 10.

Real king's weather greeted the arrival of King Alfonso in Paris on Wednesday morning. From an early hour his route from the Bois de Boulogne Railway Station to his residence at the Quai d'Orsay was lined by troops, and soon after ten o'clock President Poincaré drove down the large avenues amidst prolonged cries of "Vive Poincare." King Alfonso who wore the uniform of a French general looked the picture of health and good spirits, and was kept saluting, smiling the whole way in answer to tumultuous shouts of Vive le Roi" by which the good folk of Paris showed their delight at the presence of the young Monarch, who possesses just the qualities most adapted to please the French love of chivalry, bravery, and courtesy, which remains unchanged in Republican France from the courtly days of her own kings. As soon as the royal cortege had passed, the spectators were treated to a really fine military review on the Esplanade des Invalides. It would be difficult to surpass either the smartness or the workmanlike appearance of both officers and men and even the horses came in for a justly deserved share of the general admiration.

After giving this grand spectacle in public, all the troops defiled before King Alfonso on the Champ de Mars, whither His Majesty went on foot from his apartments before lunching semi-privately with M. Poincare, to whom the King handed the insignia of the Order of the Golden Fleece. Count Romanones, the Spanish Prime Minister, and Senor de Villa Urrutia, the Spanish Ambssador, M. Barthou, the French Prime Minister, and M. Pichon, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, were present at the lunch.

At three o'clock King Alfonso visited the military school, and at six o'clock Sir Francis Bertie, the British Ambassador, presented the Diplomatic Corps. In the evening there was a large official dinner at the Elysee, followed by a reception. Up to the present no gala or other theatrical performance has been arranged. So far, beyond a few isolated instances of hooligan discourtesy during the passing of the cortage, no incident of any disagreeable nature hes marred the enthusiastic reception of the Royal visitor by the Paris public.

NEW ALBANIA.

Reuter's Agency learns to-day, although the conference of Ambassadors in London lasted for over two hours, no decisions of importance were reached. The Austro-Italian project regarding Albania was handed in, but no discussion took place, and there was nothing like an examination of its clauses. It was agreed to present it to the Governments of all the Great Powers, who have been informed; but the Ambassadors will not meet till the 20th inst., in order to give time for the Governments to examine and report upon the project. It was intimated that all the Great Powers and also Turkey have agreed to the draft bases of peace. The answer of the Allies has not been received. Some discussion took place concerning the evacuation of Skutari, the details of which are now in course of arrange- ment between the Montenegrins and the admirals. The question of the frontiers of Albania was not touched.

The following points are, according to information, obtained by the "Neue Freie Presse, from what it describes as a well-informed source, contained in draft charter for Albania, drawn up jointly by Austria-Hungary and Italy:—"The creation of a national gendarmerie; the granting of a loan by Austria-Hungary and Italy or an international loan to the new State; the settlement of the fiscal system; the institution of a judicial system on the Egyptian model; the establishment of schools and roads, and the construction of harbours and railways, especially of a line to link up the Albanian with the Turkish system, either by a branch between Valona and Monastir or between Durazzo and Uskub." The project for Allania presented to the Ambassadors was drawn up in Vienna and Rome after negotiation between the two Governments, who, as the Powers most intimately concerned, were asked by the Ambassadors in December last to undertake this task. The document, which was completed some time ago, is, it is stated, quite brief, and in no way deals with details

ESSAD PASHA'S STATEMENT.

Essad Pasha has made a statement to a correspondent of the "Liberte" which tends to place his conduct in a new light. He said: "I only evacuated Skutari after the last ration had been given out to the troops, and when there had been about thirty deaths daily from starvation for some time previously. The Montenegrins preferred to accept our terms and allow us the honours of war rather than to engage in a last useless sanguinary struggle. I am surprised to see how the Press has interpreted the result, of which the army and I are equally proud. If I had been unworthy enough to give up the town before I had exhausted every means of defending it, not one, but hundreds of avengers would have risen from amongst both officers and men. I have dismissed all the Albanians and kept the Turkish troops, who remain at the disposal of the Turkish Government. I am simply keeping order and oranising a provisional Government for the want of the other authority."

FRENCH BUDGET DEFICIT.

The "Temps" on Monday afternoon publishes an intersting article on the Budget report presented by M. Aimond to the Senate in the name of the Senatorial Commission on Finances. The document, which will, in due course, be submitted to the Chamber, contains several disquieting statements, principally the announcement of a deficit of over £17,000,000. This sum includes the Morocco credit of £6,000,000. M. Aimond further calls attention to the numerous and important unforeseen expenses that do not figure in the 1913 Budget, such as £8,000,000 of which £3,000,000 represents a supplementary credit for the Ministry of War. Even providing for the non-utilised of £3,000,000, which would be an exceptional figure. M. Aimond foresees a total deficit of £25,000,000. To this figure must be added £7,000,000 for short-term obligations that the Treasury must provide for which sum unfortunately has not been taken into consideration in the Budget. The total deficit will thus amount to £32,600,000. M. Aimond goes on to state that Treasury bonds in circulation on April 1 of this year amounted to £17,000,000, which, added to the short-term obligations already mentioned, will make a total debt of about £25,000,000 practically exigent. The situation, therefore, is most serious as it means that although the new taxes imposed from 1909 to. 1912 produced a revenue of £10,450,00) and although the Treasury has benefited by about £28,000,000 under-estimated for this period, still the deficit remains abnormally large and M. Aimond, therefore, concludes that new taxes and new loans will be absolutely necessary.

FRENCH RAILWAY EXPERIMENTS.

M. Claveille, Director of the French State Railways, is studying experiments demonstrating the working of four different inventions intended to reduce the number of railway accidents. Whilst no technical details have as yet been given out, it is interesting to record the manner in which the inventors claim they will be able to minimise the number of railway accidents in the future.

According to M. Claveille, many railway accidents are, owing to the engine-drivers of express trains not being able to read signals owing to the rate at which the trains pass the signals, and the various apparatus now installed in about 460 signal-boxes on the State lines selected for their heavy traffic are guaranteed automatically to call the attention of drivers by a sharp whistle on passing the signals, at the same time registering on the engine whatever indication has been signalled.

The invention consists of a species of "pedal" placed at the foot of the signal, and, though the mechanical differences of the four kinds of apparatus have not yet been divulged, they can be classed as electric and mechanical. The results obtained from the experiments now going on will decide M. Claveille as to the particular system he will advise the Government to adopt. The cost of the installation will run into several hundreds of thousands of pounds, but this is considered a trifle if greater security in railway travelling can be obtained.

'JOAN OF ARC' FETE IN PARIS.

In spite of the persistent rain, the annual fetes in honour of 'Joan of Arc' were solemnised in Paris on Sunday with remarkable enthusiasm by all classes and parties. Up to the present the fetes have always been monopolised by Royalists, Roman Catholics, and Nationalists, who gave to the manifestations a party character, but this year it was decided to make the fetes "national," and people of all creeds and politics were associated in the manifestations.

A procession of about a mile in length was formed this morning at half past eight in the Place St. Augustin, and, after High Mass had been held in the church of the same name, decorated the statue of Joan of Arc situated in front of the church, and then marched to the sound of military music to the Place de Rivoli and the Boulevard St. Marcel, where wreaths and flowers were deposited on the statues there. The route, which was practically across Paris, was densely lined by a crowd of enthusiastic demonstrators, who loudly cheered the procession with cries of "Vive Jeanne d'Arc!"

It was particularly remarked that no hostile demonstration whatever occurred during the whole day, which no doubt was owing to the protection accorded the demonstrators by the police and the Republican Guard, who, for the first time in the history of the fetes, took an official part in the manifestations. So dense were the crowds this morning over the whole route that vehicular traffic was practically impossible, and scores of tram cars were compelled to remain stationary right along the Boulevard Haussmann and the Boulevard Malesherbes, the two principal thoroughfares that debouch at the Place St. Augustin, until the whole procession had passed. It is certain that the great success of to-day's manifestation will facilitate the passing of the Bill at present before the Chamber to nationalise the fete.

In connection with the fetes it is interesting to note that Joan of Arc, in 1429, was supposed to have attacked Paris, which at that time was occupied by the Burgundians, the allies of the English, and camped in the plain of St. Denis. Each morning of September 6, 7, and 8, in that year she went to pray in the small church of St. Denis de la Chapelle, situated on the route to Paris. This church still exists, although it has been much enlarged and completely transformed, but it still preserves two of the round columns that supported the nave of the original building. It is near this church that, in order to commemorate the death of Joan of Arc, the first, and perhaps the finest, statue to her was erected. The church, although historic, is not well known to Parisians, and only a few Roman Catholics who are aware of its existence and history make periodical pilgrimages there.

FRENCH ESPIONAGE SCARE.

For several days past the Paris Press has been much excited over the announcement made in one newspaper that a soldier employed in the offices of the Ministry for War had been arrested on a charge of having handed over to German spies important and interesting documents relating to national defence. Happily, the whole affair is now found to be without foundation, as is shown by a communication from the Ministry, which states that an inquiry that has been held has resulted in establishing the fact that the soldier in question had only committed a "professional fault" in signing for himself a permission for one night's absence. Having been very busy one day in typing despatches, he had also omitted to make a report on the dossier of a document concerning Morocco, and, fearing he would be seriously blamed for this omission, he made the stupid mistake of taking the whole dossier home with him, thinking that to be the best method of obliterating the affair. A search made at his parents' home was quite fruitless in discovering the presence of any document of a confidential nature. The soldier will receive the usual disciplinary punishment, which will end the whole business.

IN connection with the Reuter's telegram, which was published on Saturday morning, regarding an endowment of £20,000 for a hospital in Gujrat, by the late Miss Dow of Montreal, on behalf of the Scottish Church, it is interesting to note that the place referred is not in the Bombay Presidency but in the Punjab. There is a large Mission of the Scottish Church working in the Punjab, with its headquarters at Gujrat, where at present there is also established a hospital.

THE BERLIN FESTIVITIES.

CONDUCTED WITH ANCIENT GRANDEUR.

MAGNIFICENT WEDDING CEREMONIAL.

SPLENDID FORMALITY AT STATE BANQUET.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, May 23.

Crowds wait outside the Castle, the Crown Prince's Palace and the British, and Russian Embassies, whenever there is a chance of seeing King George, Queen Mary, or the Tsar. Hawkers are doing a thriving trade in little German flags, bearing portraits of the bride and bridegroom. Some are even trying their luck with Union Jacks.

This morning the King examined the wedding gifts at the Castle. Afterwards he received at the Embassy a deputation from the British colony in Berlin, who offered a loyal address.

In reply, the King said, "By fostering and maintaining kindly relations and a good understanding between yourselves and the people of your adopted home, you will be helping to ensure the peace of the world, the preservation of which is my fervent desire, as it was the chief aim and object of my dear father."

The King and Queen afterwards lunched at the Embassy. All the diplomatic body, together with Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, Herr von Jagow, and other distinguished personages, were present.

The Kaiser and the Tsar motored to Charlottenburg, and lunched with the officers of the Alexander Regiment.

The Tsar, to-day, received Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg in audience.

BERLIN, May 24.

The King and Queen, the German Emperor and Empress, and the Tsar, were present, last night, at a gala performance of "Lohengrin," which was the choice of Princess Victoria Luise. The latter, with the bridegroom, occupied the place of honour in the Royal box.

The Tsar has presented to Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor a silver casket set with precious stones, while King George has conferred upon him the Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order.

KING INSPECTS TROOPS.

BERLIN, May 24.

King George, this morning, inspected his regiment, the 1st Dragoon Guards, on Tempelhofer Feld. Sham fighting followed the usual evolutions.

The King expressed to their Commander his lively satisfaction at the fine appearance of the men, and their smart manœuvring.

King George has conferred the Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order on Herr von Jagow, the Foreign Secretary and Prince Lichnowsky, the Ambassador in London, The Tsar has conferred upon Herr von Jagow, the Alexander Nevsky Order.

THE WEDDING.

LONDON, May 24.

The wedding created intense public interest in Berlin. The vicinity of the Palace was packed all day with an enthusiastic crowd, and waves of cheering marked the passage of the automobiles which were bringing Royal personages to and fro. The weather was cool and overcast in the morning, but turned into a fine afternoon for the celebration of the marriage.

A brilliant procession, headed by the bridal pair, who were followed by the Emperor with the Duchess of Cumberland, the Empress with the Duke of Cumberland, the Tsar with Queen Mary, King George with the Crown Princess, and other Members of the Imperial House, proceeded through the Castle to the Chapel, which was filled by a distinguished company, including members of the Diplomatic Body.

The ceremony was performed here by the Chief Court Chaplain, and was followed by a congratulatory reception and State banquet.

STRANGE CUSTOMS.

BERLIN, May 25.

The State banquet yesterday evening, like the wedding ceremony, was conducted with a wealth of ancient traditional ceremonial. Two Lieut.-Generals handed soup from the buffet to lackeys, who passed it to a noble page. He surrendered it in turn to Prince Radolin, who served the Kaiser. Wine was similarly served. The Duke of Trachenberg and other great nobles waited in a similar manner on the Kaiserin and the bridal pair.

There were eleven hundred guests. Tables were laid in adjoining apartments.

On rising from the table, the Kaiser gave the signal for the ancient torch dance. The Chief Marshal, Prince Fuerstenberg, followed by twelve pages carrying lighted torches, approached the bridal pair and, bowing, invited them to open the dance. The bridal pair then, behind the torch-bearers, promenaded the room in the manner of the Polonaise. The bride then approached the Kaiser, curtsied and invited him to be her partner. The bridegroom invited the Kaiserin in a similar manner to dance.

The bride then gave her hand to the princes in order, and the bridegroom gave his to the princesses. They then made a tour of the room; the torch-bearers marching at the head of each procession.

The festivities ended with the distribution to the guests of pieces of the bride's garter, which was a wide silk band embroidered with the arms of a daughter of the King of Prussia. The bride's wedding gown was most costly, a garment of silver brocade and Silesian lace, which it has taken hundreds of girls, in the Riesengebirge district, months to make.

Queen Mary was attired in cloth of gold, resplendent with diamonds, among which was especially noticeable a pendant of South African stones. The Kaiserin wore a dress of magnificent green velvet.

A REMARKABLE SIGN.

BERLIN, May 25.

The semi-official *Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* says that the simultaneous sojourn of the rulers of Britain and Russia in Berlin and their friendly intercourse with the Kaiser, even though politics have played no part in bringing this about, is still a remarkable sign that Europe may rely on the progressive and tranquil clearing up of Eastern questions and on the Powers doing their utmost to hasten the signature of the peace preliminaries.

The Conference of Ambassadors, says the paper, is unanimously of opinion that the discussion of modifications in such preliminaries would involve further delays.

FRENCH ARMY UNREST.

DETAILS OF THE RODEZ INCIDENT.

PARIS, May 24.

It has been ascertained that the instigators of the outbreak at Rodez included an ex-convict and several members of the Confederation of Labour. A plan to join with other regiments in breaking into the magazines was followed by the arrival of the Colonel and other officers. When the men, in response to a bugle-call, trooped into the barrack square in full marching order, a major snatched up a rifle and shouted out that the first to advance would be a dead man.

The effect was electrical in checking the demonstrators.

The action of the Government in prohibiting the annual celebrations, in the commune of Pere-la-Chaise led to noisy scenes in the Chamber, the Socialists declaring that the introduction of three years' service meant civil war, and accusing M. Barthou of inaugurating a regime of reaction.

The Chamber passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 381 votes to 186.

M. CLEMENCEAU'S SUPPORT.

PARIS, May 24.

M. Clemenceau, in the new paper, *L'Homme Libre*, makes a violent attack on the Government as being incapable. He says that France requires men, able to impress their will on the country or die in the attempt. The lack of military discipline, he says, which is becoming apparent, is an outrage on the Fatherland, and unless it is stopped immediately it will mean the end of the nation. He appeals to the mutinous soldiers to redeem their faults.

Importance is attached to a visit paid by M. Clemenceau to M. Poincare, yesterday. It is stated that the President thanked M. Clemenceau for his powerful support of the Three Years' Service Bill.

HUNDRED YEARS' PEACE.

STATUES FOR WASHINGTON AND LONDON.

NEW YORK, May 24.

The Committee in charge of the Peace Centenary celebrations has arranged for the erection of a statue of Queen Victoria in Washington, and the presentation to the British people of a statue of President Lincoln.

THE CHINESE LOAN.

COVERED TWELVE TIMES IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, May 24.

The Chinese loan, it has now been ascertained, has been covered twelve times over in England.

PEKING, May 24.

In view of the success of the Chinese loan, the French, German, and English bankers concerned have decided on an early issue of the Currency Re-organisation Loan.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, May 24.

The *Pioneer's* London correspondent cables:—

The *Daily Telegraph's* Peking correspondent states that the Provincial Government has accepted the compromise on the loan question whereby the Parliamentary Committee will have the supervision of the expenditure. The schedules annexed to the loan agreement, dealing with its disbursement, will be amended accordingly. The correspondent deduces from this that the Parliament can, and will, be supreme.

MONGOLIA.

RUSSIANS TO ORGANISE NATIVE TROOPS.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 24.

Seventeen Russian officers are leaving for Mongolia to organise a Cossack Brigade with native troops. The establishment is expected ultimately to reach 2,500.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 24.

A telegram from Mukden says that the Princes of Inner Mongolia, while proclaiming their loyalty to the Republic, have protested against the intention of the Chinese Government to transform Mongolia into a province, and have demanded autonomy, and the right to raise their own troops.

PORTUGUESE CONSPIRACY.

LISBON, May 24.

A court-martial has found sixteen Royalists, including Major Montez and Captain Pimentel, guilty of conspiracy, and has acquitted twenty-five.

NATIONAL SERVICE.

LONDON, May 24.

Col. Seely and Lord Roberts have agreed to debate the question of National Service at the Eighty Club on June 26th.

HIS EXCELLENCY LORD WILLINGDON has kindly subscribed Rs. 500 to the Lord Hardinge Birthday Children's Entertainment Fund.

Gas is now in use in Bombay for gold melting, soap boiling, brazing and every conceivable purpose for which heat and power are required, since it is found the heat can be regulated to a nicety, impossible with solid fuel.

THE BALKANS.

FEELING GROWS MORE HOPEFUL.

LORD KITCHENER'S PRAISE OF TURKISH TROOPS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 23.

A more hopeful feeling exists among the Balkan delegates to-night, owing to indications that the Turkish modifications of the Peace Treaty will not be so far-reaching as was expected.

A delegate informed Reuter's representative that he hoped peace would be signed early next week.

ATHENS, May 23.

King Constantine has gone to Salonika to arrange an extensive neutral zone with a view to preventing fresh conflicts between Greek and Bulgarian troops in the future.

LONDON, May 24.

In his annual report on Egypt, Lord Kitchener, alluding to the disastrous consequences of the Balkan war for Turkey, pays a remarkable tribute to the Turkish soldier. Lord Kitchener says that defective military arrangements appear to have been responsible for the breakdown of one of the finest fighting armies in the world.

FIGHTING IN TRIPOLI.

ITALIAN FORCE LOSES FOUR GUNS.

ROME, May 24.

Replying to a question in the Chamber, regarding the reverse to the troops in Tripoli, the Under-Secretary for War admitted that four guns had been lost. They had been, however, rendered useless before being abandoned. He pointed out that in modern tactics it was considered preferable, in spite of ancient prejudices, to abandon a few guns rather than sacrifice human life. It was inadvisable to say at present, whether there was any individual responsibility, apart from the unforeseen, regrettable incidents, which were always occurring in war.

ITALIAN FINANCES.

MORE MONEY WANTED FOR NAVAL CONSTRUCTION.

ROME, May 25.

In the Senate yesterday, the Minister of the Treasury announced that there was a surplus of sixty-five million lire, of which sum, fourty-two million lire would be devoted to the covering of expenses entailed by the war in Libya. Nineteen millions would be devoted to increasing the fund for naval construction.

THE POLO CUP.

ANOTHER FINE PERFORMANCE BY THE BRITISH.

NEW YORK, May 24.

The British polo team, consisting of Captains Cheape, Ritson, Edwards, and Lockett, defeated an American team composed of Messrs. Phipp, Ramsay, and Stoddard, and the English player Mr. Freake, by 10½ goals to one half.

The unusual cleverness of the Englishmen was commented upon, and their aggressive mallet work and superb horsemanship were much admired. This victory over one of the strongest teams they have yet met is regarded as indicating that the defenders will have no easy task in retaining the cup.

ALSACE-LORRAINE.

NEW PRESS LAW CONDEMNED BY DIET.

STRASSBURG, May 24.

After a long debate, the Diet has passed a unanimous resolution severely condemning the Federal Government's proposals to increase the stringency of the Press Law and the Law of Association in Alsace-Lorraine, with the ostensible object of counteracting the anti-German agitation in the national newspapers. The resolution declared that the province was capable of resisting Chauvinism by its own strength.

THE MIKADO'S ILLNESS.

A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT.

TOKIO, May 23.

The Mikado is sufferring from pneumonia.

A bulletin issued at four this afternoon said that the patient's temperature was 103·4.

TOKIO, May 24.

The condition of the Emperor shows a general improvement.

CRICKET AT HOME.

LONDON, May 24.

Yorkshire beat Worcestershire at Worcester, by six wickets.

Northamptonshire beat Lancashire, at Northampton, by four wickets.

Nottinghamshire beat Sussex, at Nottingham, by 35 runs.

LONDON, May 23.

Derbyshire beat Warwickshire, at Derby, by seven wickets.

Kent beat Leicestershire, at Leicester, by nine wickets.

Hampshire beat the M.C.C., at Lord's, by 208 runs.

Oxford University beat the M. C. C., at Oxford, by an innings and 41 runs.

GASWORKS EXPLOSION.

BUENOS AYRES, May 24.

In an explosion at the gasworks attached to the hydraulic works in the harbour here, twelve persons were killed and twenty injured.

S. AFRICAN INDIANS.

DEBATE ON THE £3 TAX.

QUESTION OF ABOLITION IN DOUBT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CAPE TOWN, May 24.

The Union House of Assembly, yesterday, debated the question of the £3 gold tax on Indians in Natal, which is one of the difficulties of the Indian question.

General Smuts stated that he was now discussing the question of policy with the Natal members. If policy were not pressed, there would be little difficulty, as the proceeds of the tax were unimportant.

The members of the Opposition expressed surprise, as they had believed that the abolition of the tax had been conceded in deference to the Imperial Government.

This, however, was denied by Mr. Smuts.

THE RUSSIAN BUDGET.

POLITICAL SITUATION CAUSES HEAVY RISE.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 25.

In the debate on the Budget in the Duma, yesterday, the President of the Budget Committee referred to the present political situation as the cause of an increase of the military estimates by seventy-eight million roubles, and of the naval estimates by sixty-nine million roubles, besides a series of other credits for the purposes of national defence.

M. Kokovtseff, the Premier, in a long speech, emphasized the remarkable commercial and financial expansion of Russia, and her steadily growing revenue.

BELGIAN DEFENCE.

CHAMBER REFUSES TO INCREASE THE ARMY.

BRUSSELS, May 25.

A Bill for the local recruitment of the troops, which are required to form a territorial army for the defence of Luxemburg, has been rejected by the Chamber of Deputies by 102 votes to 59, in spite of a speech by the Premier, urging the necessity for the measure in view of the great preparations by the Powers near the Belgian frontiers.

A Bill for the creation of a Flemish regiment was also thrown out.

BOMBAY SHIP'S ACCIDENT.

FEARS THAT SHE MAY BREAK HER BACK.

LONDON, May 24.

The steamer "Baharistan" from Bombay, which collided with a Liverpool steamer and was grounded, has been towed off.

The market fears that she may break her back, and 40 per cent. is quoted for re-insurance against the risk of total loss.

ANOTHER SHIP MINED.

HUNDRED AND TWENTY PASSENGERS LOST.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 24.

The steamer "Nevada," flying the American flag, but Turkish-owned, struck a mine in the Gulf of Smyrna. Two hundred passengers were on board, of whom a French warship succeeded in rescuing eighty.

LONDON, May 25.

The details now received show that the "Nevada" sank within a minute. The passengers were mostly Turkish refugees. A boat of the French steamer was first on the spot, but it was swamped in the commotion caused by the explosion of the "Nevada's" boilers. Three persons were drowned.

As the accident happened outside the mine-field it appears that some mines are adrift. All navigation has consequently been suspended in the vicinity.

ORME WILL CASE.

RE-OPENED BY MISS MOUNT-STEPHEN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, May 24.

Miss Mount-Stephen has appealed to the Allahabad High Court, from the order of the District Judge of Saharanpur, refusing her probate of the will of the late Miss Garnett Orme, and from the order granting administration to a relative of the deceased. Miss Mount-Stephen had been called on to furnish a security for costs, as she is residing in Scotland and has no property here.

A preliminary objection by the respondent that the appeal is one from a decree, and not from an order, is being argued.

In the Garnett Orme Will Case, the Allahabad High Court has held that the appeal from the order of the District Judge, refusing to grant Miss Mount-Stephen administration to the estate of Miss Orme, is an appeal from decree and not from order, and that proper Court-fee stamp on the memorandum of appeal should be ten rupees under Article 17, of Schedule II of the Court Fees Act, and not two rupees.

The further hearing of the appeal has been adjourned.

SEDITIOUS LEAFLETS.

POSTED IN LAHORE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, May 24.

Copies of a leaflet have been posted in some places in the city, which appears to be a reproduction of one suppressed sometime ago in Bengal, stating that May 1917 will be a repetition of May 1857.

EMPIRE DAY.

LARGER OBSERVANCE EVERYWHERE.

CELEBRATION IN INDIAN STATIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 24.

Empire Day was observed with enthusiasm on a growing scale. There was everywhere a goodly display of Union Jacks, while bells were rung and the guns in the garrison towns fired salutes. The National Anthem was sung by school children, who paraded in the parks to salute the Flag, and listen to discourses on the Empire.

This evening concerts will be given, and there will be fire-work displays and illuminations.

Messages from the Colonies tell of a lavish expenditure on the celebration of Empire Day, which has been observed as a public holiday. Impressive ceremonies have taken place and festivities have been arranged.

WIRELESS FROM DR. MAWSON.

The members of Dr. Mawson's Antarctic Expedition have sent a wireless message that the inhabitants of King George Island wish to convey Empire Day greetings to the Colonial Secretary.

AUSTRALIA'S GREETING.

Mr. Fisher, the Commonwealth Premier, telegraphs to the *Times* that "the imposition of more binding ties on the several parts of the Empire would be a poor substitute for the strong, yet flexible ties of love and duty, which call us into the breach in time of danger. If the annual Empire Conferences were held not always in London, we should hear less of Empire dangers."

IN BOMBAY.

Saturday being Empire Day, flags were seen flying on all the public buildings, and principal houses in Bombay as well as on the ships in the harbour.

As usual, the Hindus held a meeting in Javer Bag, presided over by Shri Karvir Pithadhishwer Shri Shankaracharyia. Amongst those present were Sir Jagmohandas Varjivandas, Mr. Wasantrao Anandrao Dabholkar, Rao Bahadur Nathu Sailor, Mr. V. S. Joshi, Mr. P. B. Joshi, Jadhowji Maharaj, Rao Bahadhur Dr. D. B. Dandekar, Mr. D. S. Yaude, Pandit Bhalchandra Shastri, and many others.

Several gentlemen addressed the assembly, urging upon them the advantages of the British rule and the benefits the Indians derived thereby.

"Harikirtan" was next performed and prayers for the long life of the Emperor and Empress of India were recited.

AT BANGALORE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BANGALORE, May 24.

The Bangalore Garrison observed a holiday to-day in honor of the Empire Day, and the afternoon Boy Scouts marched to the Victoria statue and laid two wreaths, one of which was to the Antarctic heroes. Several schools also placed wreaths.

Rev. Dr. Borlase, Chaplain of St. Mark's, having read the Earl of Meath's message, addressed those present on the significance of the Empire Day, saying that if the British Dominion should encourage pride and foolish boasting, the historian points to the doom and pitiful ruins of the past great empires of Babylon, of Persia, and of Rome, due to the decay of their men and women. The Empire Day existed to keep on fire the spirit which made the British great from hardihood, courage, and devotion to duty. Was that spirit extinct? Thank God, no. The example of Captain Scott and his companions in the Antarctic regions and with examples others of whom we hear daily, there was no need to talk of extinction; while it may be said with certainty that the old heroic spirit still flourished. It was also certain that the spirit of decay was too much in evidence in England. Witness the thousands who spend their spare time amusing themselves, and the few who have joined Territorials, notwithstanding the present great need of England for defence and the pathetic appeal of Lord Robert's Scouts.

The Commissioner, Mr. Baker, also addressed the gathering on partiotism, instancing Trafalgar, Balaclava, the Antarctic heroes, etc.

The children afterwards attended the special matinee at Warwick Major's Picture Palace.

COONOOR.

COONOOR, May 25.

The Empire Day celebration took the form of a floral fete and bazaar, yesterday afternoon. At the Club, the roller rink was beautifully decorated with garlands of flowers and union jacks. Many fancy stalls were the feature of the bazaar. The stall-holders were as follows:—Silver-ware and cashmere stalls, Mrs. Thompson; Empire stall, Mrs. Byron; home-made cake stall, Mrs. Branson; "bon marche" stall, Mrs. Porter; vegetable and fruit stall, Mrs. Sharpesmith; loyal stalls, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Limbrick and Miss Schmidt; fancy stall, Mrs. Burkitt and Mrs. Loudon. Mr. Clapton successfully ran several amusing side shows. The Nilgiris Volunteer Band furnished the music.

Lady Pentland, accompanied by an A.-D.-C., motored down from Ootacamund. Her Excellency, in declaring the fete open, wished it success. She then presented cups to the winners of the annual Tennis Tournament, which attracted a good number of competitors.

The following were the recepients of prizes:—

Men's Open Doubles—Col. Leonard and Capt. G. D. Wright.

Men's Open Singles—: Capt. G. D. Wright (winner of the challenge cup).

Ladies' Singles (handicap)—Mrs. Molesworth, winner of the cup; 2nd prize Mrs. Harvey.

Mixed Doubles (handscap)—(1) Mr. and Mrs. Moore; (2) Miss Birch Harris and Major Jones.

Ladies' Doubles (handicap)—(1) Mrs. Molesworth and Mrs. G. D. Wright; (2) Mrs. Hall and Miss Byron.

Ladies' Open Singles—Mrs. Molesworth (winner of the challenge cup).

Ladies' Open Doubles—(1) Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Porter; (2) Mrs. Molesworth and Miss Birch Harris.

Mixed Doubles (open)—(1) Mr. and Mrs. Moore; (2) Mrs. Porter and Major Killery.

Men's Singles (handicap)—Capt. G.D. Wright (winner of the cup presented by Mr. Porter).

RAILWAY STRIKE.

ORDERED BY UNION ON MADRAS LINE.

MEAGRE NEWS FROM SEAT OF TROUBLE.

The threatened strike on the Madras and Southern Maharatta Railway has at last become a fact; and yesterday, so far as is known, gradually became general throughout the line, commencing at Bangalore. It began with the transhipment and goods porters on the Bangalore cantonment and city stations and the pointsmen soon joined them. The strike naturally commenced with the lower grade of employees in the service.

The general strike which was ordered from the headquarters in Bombay, of the Amalgamated Railway Servants' Society, did not commence until yesterday evening. The trustees of the Society met on Saturday morning and decided that there should be a general strike, if the authorities did not at once redress the grievances of the men.

The proceedings at this meeting were kept strictly private, but it is believed that the decision to strike was communicated by telegraph to the Agent of the Railway at Madras. A message to the same effect was also sent to the Agent of the G. I. P. Railway, in Bombay. What instructions have been sent to the various branches of the A. S. R. S. on the Madras line has not been disclosed. It will be seen from a telegram from Bangalore, which we reproduce below, that at the time of despatch, which was early yesterday evening, no instructions for a general strike had been received.

News however, which was obtained from the G. I. P. Railway, tends to show that the general strike has already commenced. Special instructions were given to the staffs at all stations connected with the Madras line, that should the strike occur, G. I. P. trains should not be delayed but should be run over that system according to their ordinary timings. Accordingly, attempts were made last night at Victoria Terminus to discover the position of the Madras mail but although telegraphic messages were sent to various stations, south of Raichur, at which is the junction of the main lines of the two railways, no response could be obtained. This leads to the conclusion that the signallers have gone on strike and with them probably all other sections of the employees.

During yesterday the Associated Press of India wired to its various correspondents in Madras, Bangalore and other stations, but with the exception of the short message from Bangalore, which we publish, nothing was heard from either of them.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BANGALORE, May 25.

The strike of the transhipment and other goods porters at the City and Cantonment stations has this evening extended to the pointsmen. The services of a small body of Sappers, under a British non-commissioned officer with railway knowledge, have been urgently requisitioned and supplied to meet the situation. Several goods trains are held up at certain large stations on the Madras and S.M. line, owing to the porters' strike.

As to the prospects of a general strike, nothing definite is known; there being no instructions from the Railway Servants' Society's headquarters.

THE MEN'S GRIEVANCE.

The dissatisfaction on the Madras Railway has been of long duration and has led to prolonged negotiations during which some of the men's grievances have been redressed. The dispute recently centered around the dismissal of a clerk named Narayenrao, who has since been re-instated. The present strike is directly due to the dismissal of an assistant stationmaster, named Rangaswamy, on the alleged ground that he had disobeyed the orders of his stationmaster. It is contended by the men that these orders were contrary to general orders issued by the superior officers of the railway; and that therefore Rangaswamy was justified in refusing to carry them out. His reinstatement has been demanded, but hitherto it has been steadfastly refused by the Agent.

CAPTAIN BETTS.

Inquiries regarding Captain Betts show that there has not been any perceptible change, and that his condition is practically the same as it has been for the last two days. His assailant is also in the same condition

THE LORD CHELMSFORD and Col. the Lord Sydenham were received on May 5th in audience by His Majesty, upon relinquishing their appointments as Governor of New South Wales, and Governor of the Presidency of Bombay, respectively.

H. H. the Nizam left Bombay for his territory, yesterday afternoon. The special conveying His Highness and suite left Victoria Terminuss, at 3-30 p. m.

ROUND THE TOWN.

A CASUAL CAUSERIE OF LIFE'S LITTLE VANITIES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, May 9.

"THE CHAPERON."

Intrigue is a dangerous game at the best of times—perhaps that accounts for more than half its charm. To carry it on successfully many ingenious subterfuges have been indulged in at various times, but few more intriguing than the employment of a professional chaperon. Mr. X., instead of dining quietly at home with his wife, wishes to give Miss Y. an attractive little dinner a deux at a restaurant. The only difficulty is that Mrs. X's acquaintances are a legion; and, through one of them, it might come to her ears that 'hubby' wasn't behaving as staid married men should. What should be more convenient then that a tame chaperon attached to the restaurant who, for a consideration, would, if necessary, enact the part of Miss Y's husband? Such is the thesis of the new farce at the Strand Theatre—the successor to the "Glad Eye" and every whit as well, what shall we say?—intriguant! Unfortunately, on the particular evening that Mr. Christopher Pottinger, M.P., has arranged to dine with pretty Rosamond Gaythorne (Miss Ethel Dane—who was Ri-Ri in the "Glad Eye") the professional chaperon is indisposed—too many rich dinners having been too much for him, so Hilary Cheston, who has been struck all of a heap by Rosie's fair countenance, agrees to take his place; and then, having practically cut Pottinger out—for Hilary is a very fascinating spark indeed—matters are made worse for Christopher by the arrival of his wife. He is obliged to introduce Hilary and Rosie as old friends of his—the Jones—the Wellington Jones—who wield great political influence. And Mrs. Pottinger insists on their returning home with her to spend the night.

MORE TROUBLE.

As it happens, Mrs. Pottinger's companion is Doris Mayne. Hilary's betrothed. Hilary, not knowing this and anxious to conciliate Mrs. Pottinger, though refusing to go back with them there, then agrees to motor over with his alleged wife to take tea with them the next day. All the motors break down, consequently they have perforce to stay—as man and wife. The preparations for getting their room ready give Rosie hysterics, but, of course, there is no way out of the impasse. You can imagine the imbroglio:—Pottinger afraid to tell the truth for fear of his wife, Hilary dodging his betrothed, and endeavouring to keep Rosie from getting into trouble and a gorgon, Miss Maxwell—Mrs. Pottinger's sister—who has suspicions, and is doing her best to prove they are correct. Eventually, as matters are becoming a little strained even for farce, Rosie's "boy" turns up in a motor and carries her off, and then the curtain falls. But one wonders what kind of an explanation Mr. Pottinger and Hilary managed to concoct afterwards.

"BOUGHT AND PAID FOR"

Of a very different timbre is the new play, "Bought and paid for" recently produced by Allan Aynesworth, at the New Theatre. Allan Aynesworth is a new recruit to the ranks of our actor-managers, and we are all wondering why he didn't take up the role before. He scored an enormous success with 'Ready Money'—an American farce—and has now followed it up with an extremely strong play of the problem order which, in parts, is as painful as it is human. Briefly, the problem is whether a man who marries has a legal (morally legal) right to consider he owns his wife, body and soul. Robert Stafford is a multi-millionaire (American of course), and he marries a telephone girl who is highly virtuous and delightful in all ways except that she appears to have little or no tact. Stafford is equally charming—he gives Virginia's brother-in-law a billet at about a hundred per cent. more salary than he is worth—except when he is intoxicated. Then, in Virginia's own words, he is another man—a stranger, who fills her with loathing. Unfortunately, whenever he is drunk he is more than usually amiable and in love with her. He arrives in this condition late one night, whimsically tells the brother-in-law his candid opinion of him, and then, when Virginia will not suffer his embraces, tells her that she is his chattel, bought and paid for, and as she has sought refuge in her bed-room and locked the door, batters a hole in the panels, and forces his way into her room. The scene is a 'tour de force,' both from the point of view of acting and the manner in which it is written, but—it is horribly painful.

Next morning Stafford is repentant, but Virginia tells him that he must either promise to forswear liquor, or she will leave him. He will not be dictated to; so she goes, and the brother-in-law has to return to a pittance of fourteen dollars a week as a shipping clerk. Eventually the brother-in-law telephones to Stafford who comes to fetch Virginia home, stating that, since he has been alone, he has conquered his weakness, and can make her the promise she wishes. So all ends happily—which is pleasant but scarcely life-like. Still there are limits to which one cares to be harrowed for pleasure, so perhaps it is well the ending is more optimistic than natural.

THE ACADEMY.

With the opening of the doors of Burlington House the London season may be said to have properly started. Summer frocks—well perhaps not the height of summer frocks, but decidedly summery all the same—and the Academy seem almost synonymous, and the former succeed in obtaining a considerable amount of the interest displayed by those who pass the turnstile. Truth to tell, the Academy grows duller year by year—it almost appears as if the dead level of mediocrity, which Mr. Lloyd George and his satellites are endeavouring to produce in England, were reflected on the walls of the building. Uninteresting portraits are again in the ascendancy. Who in the name of all that is blessed can run over pictures of people one does not know or possibly want to know—even though they be painted by the biggest men of the age? Not one portrait in a million contains a spark of soul—that elusive something which gives the keynote to the sitter's inner-self. Far better caricatures of Max Beerbohm or the compelling production of the cubisst. As for the rest of the stuff—I quote

from one of our leading journals—the Royal Academy jury seem to have been inspired by a desire to bring back this year's exhibition to the level which prevailed in Victorian days. Of course, there are some canvases redolent with vigour and imagination, but the trouble is that the mere human eye gets so almighty weary of scanning hall after hall crowded haphazard in the happy-go-lucky manner beloved of the authorities, that one is apt to miss them from sheer weariness As for the prominent men, they are content to go on year after year painting exactly the same kind of thing so that you just nod as it were, to old acquaintances, and recoil from the banalities which are all they have to utter.

WATER VERSUS OIL.

Fortunately the water colour room usually contrives to lighten the depression caused by the rest of the show. Personally, I consider that of the two media, water-colour offers an infinitely greater elasticity and charm, and the worker in this medium is not bound nearly to such a large extent by the convention of the old masters—of whom one hears so much and loves so little. One of the gems is the work of an artist who contributes for the first time to the "Academy." It is a 'nude' entitled 'Juno in London,' and the colouring and treatment is delightful. 'The Dream,' a fascinating study of an opium smoker, is also arrestive, depicting, as it does, an opium smoker stretched on a leopard skin watching a dream-picture of three eastern dancers who appear to have materialised out of the decorative lacquer of a cabinet in the background. The Black and White room is unprofitable; one sees far better work any day in the pages of "Punch," but there is a joyous piece of sculpture in the form of a bronze statuette entitled 'Fun.' The trouble is that the whole scheme at Burlington House is too crowded, and yet, I suppose, it is unavoidable. One gets far more enjoyment in the comparative quiet of the Leicester galleries or other of the smaller picture shows which now abound in the West End.

A STRAUSS-MOLIERE PRODUCTION.

A decided bon-bon promised for early production at His Majesty's Theatre, by Sir Herbert Tree, is the matter of an adaptation of 'Moliere's' "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" with incidental music by the redoubtable Strauss. Not only that Dr. Richard Strauss has composed a miniature opera called "Ariadne in Naxos" a species of musical epilogue to the former play and which will be produced at the same time. Mr. Beecham and Sir Herbert have joined forces for the time being, and, while the lattter will produce the comedy, Mr. Joseph Beecham will take over the musial portion—so there should be great doings at His Majesty's on May 27th—the date appointed for the opening night.

R.E.G.

ASSAM-BENGAL RAILWAY.

SLIP ON THE LINE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CHITTAGONG, May 24.

The Traffic Superintendent, Assam-Bengal Railway, wires:—The hillside near Bandarkhal, at mile 275, on the hill section of the A. B. Railway, continues to give trouble. A fresh slip occurred to-day, which has necessitated the transhipment of mails and passengers for about four days.

A GUARD'S BRAVERY.

EDWARD MEDAL TO BE CONFERRED BY THE KING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, May 24.

The King-Emperor has been pleased to confer the Edward Medal on Guard A. E. Stroud, East Indian Railway, Dinapore District, in recognition of his bravery in rescuing a passenger from being run over by a train. The Viceroy will present the medal at an early date.

THE BOMB OUTRAGE.

SAID TO BE INTENDED FOR DR. GORDON.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, May 24.

A vernacular daily, the "Desh," of Lahore, states that Mr. Gordon of the Bengal Civil Service, who is believed to have recently escaped from a bomb in connection with the Jagatsi affair, and has been transferred to Kasur in the Lahore district, was present at the Lawrence Hall Club on the night of the bomb explosion, and that the bomb was probably intended for him.

MISSIONARY BISHOP'S DEATH.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, May 25.

There passed away on the 21st inst. a veteran missionary, in the person of the Rt. Rev. Hugo Madhalena Bottero, D. D., Bishop of Kumbakonam, in his 76th year. The late prelate was born in Chambrey, a town of Savoy, bordering on the Alps, in 1837; he was educated in the Seminary of the Foreign Missionary Society, Paris. He was ordained priest and sent out to India in 1859, where he worked for forty years in various capacities as professor in the French College at Pondicherry, as director of the Leper Asylum and as missionary priest in various parishes of Pondicherry and Chandernagore. He was consecrated Bishop in 1899 to the newly-created Diocese of Kumbakonam, which he governed for 14 years.

His remains were interred in the premises of the Roman Catholic Procathedral and the funeral was attended by the Most Rev. E. Morel, D.D., Archbishop of Pondicherry; the Rt. Rev. A. Chapins, D.D., Coadjutor Bishop of Kumbakonam, and many ecclesiastics of the diocese.

THE P. and O. Co.'s s.s. "Egypt" arrived at Plymouth on the morning of the 22nd instant.

SIR JAMES and Lady Meston will leave Naini Tal, to pay a visit to Simla, about the third week in June, as guests of the Viceroy and Lady Hardinge.

BISHOP OF RANGOON.

ALLEGED LIBEL OF A LAYMAN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, May 22.

A complaint was filed to-day before the Dirtrict Magistrate, Rangoon, by Mr. J. M. Xavier, barister-at-law, charging the Roman Catholic Bishop of Rangoon, with defamation, which consisted in the defendant having on the 17th of March, addressed a letter to the Editor of the "Rangoon Times," which contained allegations to to the effect that the complainant had, during a period of two years, created disturbances in St. Anthony's Church, and had otherwise given no end of trouble to the flock; and that the priest of that church had asked for permission to prosecute the complainant and to have him bound over to keep the peace. These allegations, according to the complainant, were unfounded, and were made out of malice for the purpose of damaging his reputation.

The Magistrate promised to pass orders on Monday.

DR. AHMED.

ADDRESS TO MOSLEM STUDENTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LUCKNOW, May 24.

Dr. Ziuddin Ahmed, officiating Principal, Aligarh College, in an address to the students, spoke of the evil plight into which Aligarh had fallen. A change had been in progress, he said, not for good but for evil. The Doctor complained of the lack of Mahomedan reverence for elders grown grey in the service of the community, while, at the same time, the Muslim society makes no sufficient allowance for the aspirations of the rising generation. Every editor of a paper, he goes on to say, every correspondent,, ranks himself as the only leader of Mahomedans on the ground of his violent tongue. Liberty and freedom are misunderstood as equivalent to violence and abuses. Society is disorganised, and no one knows what the Mahomedan opinion is. Sober minded men are too cowardly to speak their minds, afraid of becoming unpopular. He exhorted the students to uphold the traditions of the college, not to become victims of outside societies and to set a high ideal, going into the world with the determination of reforming it.

INDIAN AIR CURRENT.

MR. HIRWOOD APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, May 24.

The work of investigating into the distribution of the upper air current over the land area in India is now to be systematically carried out. The Secretary of State has sanctioned the appointment, for two years, of Mr. W. A. Hirwood, M. Sc., as assistant to Mr. Field, Imperial Meteorologist, for the purposes of this special investigation.

RUSTY PISTOLS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, May 24.

The Sessions Judge of Dacca yesterday delivered judgment on the appeal preferred by Trailakya Nath Chowdhury, who had been convicted by a Deputy Magistrate and sentenced to simple imprisonment for two months and a fine of Rs. 200 under section 19-A of the Arms Act, for the discovery in his house of two muzzle-loading rusty and obsolete pistols. The Judge confirmed the conviction, but considering the condition of the pistols, reduced the sentence to a fine of Rs. 5 only.

THE CONSPIRACY TRIAL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, May 24.

The Barisal Conspiracy trial will probably begin at Barisal on the 6th of June. Mr. Gupta will prosecute on behalf of the Government.

The Chief Secretary to the Bengal Government had made enquiries into the allegations made in a petition filed before the Magistrate of Dacca on behalf of Narendranath Sen, one of the accused in the Barisal Conspiracy Case, to the effect that the accused was photographed by the police while in police custody for the fabrication of evidence of identification. The Chief Secretary now informs the Press that the allegations were unfounded and no photograph was taken.

MISSING EXPLORERS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, May 24.

As no news regarding Captains Pritchard and Waterfield has been received, the Assam Government is instituting enquiries along the North-eastern border. The explorers may possibly have made for Rima.

B. & N.-W. RAILWAY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, May 23.

The "Pioneer" understands that the manner of terms, on which the Government of India can acquire the Bengal and North-Western Railway, is now under the consideration of the Secretary of State and the authorities in this country. The decision will be announced in due course.

The Maldivian Government at last appear to be realising the possibility of a more prosperous existence for the Islands under their guidance. Following on the decision of the Sultan to educate his heir in Ceylon and the recent arrival in Colombo of the young man for that purpose comes an announcement that the Government of the Maldives intend to develop the industries of the Islands. With this object in view the ambassador of the Sultan in Colombo has been instructed to advertise in English shipping papers for the purchase of a cargo steamer from 400 to 600 tons in capacity. The vessel will be chiefly used for the carrying of cargo from the Maldives to Colombo, and it is intended to develop the trade in Maldivian fish and copra.

EURASIAN GIRL'S CRIME.

MURDERED HER HUSBAND WITH STRYCHNINE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, May 24.

A remarkable case has occurred at Burdwan, the victim and his wife being Eurasians. One Samson, an illiterate Eurasian, married an educated girl, in November last. The match was unhappy, and the girl tried to get rid of her husband. It was alleged that the girl mixed strychnine with barley, which her husband took during his illness, and died subsequently. The girl was placed on trial before the Sessions Judge of Burdwan on the charge of poisoning her husband. The Judge found the accused guilty of murder, but in consideration of her youth, has sentenced her to transportation for life.

MR. GOKHALE'S HEALTH.

ENTERS A LONDON NURSING HOME.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, May 24.

The following private letter, dated the 8th of May, received by yesterday's mail, gives an account of Mr. Gokhale's health, which has been causing anxiety to his many friends in this country:—"I met Mr. Gokhale on his arrival at Charing Cross last Sunday afternoon, and accompanied him to the National Liberal Club, where we met Sir William Wedderburn who had made a special journey from Gloucester that morning. It was obvious that Mr. Gokhale was suffering from ear-trouble and that his general health was extremely unsatisfactory; so we arranged that he should consult Dr. Richard Lake on the following morning. After a thorough examination, the surgeon urged Mr. Gokhale to immediately enter a private nursing home, which Mr. Gokhale did the same afternoon. I certainly feel there has been a change for the better during the week and Mr. Gokhale's friends and relatives may be assured that he is in good hands."

BARNIPORE DACOITY.

ARREST OF NOTORIOUS CHARACTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

CALCUTTA, May 25.

In connection with the dacoity recently committed in the house of Babu Peary Mohan Das, of Kesubpur, near Baruipore, in the Twenty-four Parganas, it is reported that one Kesub Tacoor, a notorious dacoit, has been arrested on suspicion. The police expect to obtain a clue from him, which will lead to the arrest of the whole gang and the discovery of stolen property, which is valued at more than Rs. 5,000.

The Divisional Inspector has also succeeded in arresting one Kanai Mullah, in connection with the Sekharbati dacoity case recently committed in the house of one Sedanunds Kascar. Kanai made a confession of his guilt before a Deputy Magistrate in the course of which he implicated ten other persons. The police are searching for them.

DACOITS SENTENCED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

CALCUTTA, May 24.

The inhabitants of the Basirhat Sub-Division in the district of the Twenty-four Parganahs have been for the last few months not a little troubled by gangs of dacoits, who have committed robberies at frequent intervals, and the Sub-inspector of Baduriah Police-station was deputed to make an enquiry. His suspicion fell on some mochis of Hyderapone near Arbalia, and as the result, two gangs were arrested. The first consisted of nine persons and the second of seven. On being placed before the Deputy Magistrate of Basirhat, it transpired in evidence that these 16 persons had no means of living, and yet they led a life of indolence and luxury. The Magistrate sentenced each of them to one year's rigorous imprisonment.

The police have also captured a third gang at Taragonjah, consisting of Alam Mondal and ten others. These men are under trial before the same Magistrate.

THE EMERALD CASE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, May 25.

In connection with the sensational emerald case in Madras, in which two men, named Venkate Swami and Kapa Sanjiba, have been arrested by the Calcutta Criminal Investigation Department, on a charge of theft of a large number of valuable emeralds belonging to the Raja of Chalipalai, Mugalipatam. Summonses have been served by the Deputy Magistrate of Bandur upon Rai Budreedas Bahadur and Babu Chunilal, to give evidence for the prosecution. It is said that the accused arrived in Calcutta early in March and sold emeralds worth Rs. 15,000 to Babu Chunilal, a jeweller of Burtola-street, who in his turn sold them to the firm of Rai Budreedas Bahadur for Rs, 24,000.

The hearing of the case has been fixed for the 28th inst.

STABBED BY A BUTCHER

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MULTAN CITY, May 24.

Khan Sahib Abul Huq, who was stabbed in the abdomen, last evening, by a Mahomedan butcher, expired this morning. The deceased gentleman was formerly Public Prosecutor and a prominent member of the Muslim League as well as a great champion of the Hon. Mr. Gokhale's Bill and Muslim University movement.

The murderer is under arrest.

NUMEROUS applications have already been received by the Military authorities in reply to the advertisement, inviting capitalists to undertake the building of officers' quarters or messhouses in the new cantonment at Delhi.

MATHERAN NOTES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MATHERAN, May 23.

Since last I wrote, we have been very busy at our little Gymkhana, where the tennis courts have been crowded, and there were not enough benches for the spectators. The various tournaments have been in full swing. For the Ladies Singles in the Amateur Tennis Open Championship for Lady Sydenham's Challenge Cup, there were four entries. Mrs. A. de C. Scott, Mrs. Scotson, Lady Tata, and Miss Parroll. Mrs. A. de C. Scott and Lady Tata are left to play their final on Saturday the 24th.

The following entered for the Amateur Lawn Tennis Open Championship Gentlemen's Singles:—Mrs. J. T. Scotson, Lieut Langstaff, Mr. P. A. Peerbhoy, Mr. F. Poriock, Major Murison, Mr. D. B. Binning, Mr. M. M. Mehta, Mr. V. S. Pandit, Mr. A. J. Wadia, Mr. N. Fardunji, Mr. H. Mahomedally, Mr. N. Gude, and Mr. F. C. Bottlewalla, for the Lord Sydenham's Challenge Cup.

There are now only left Messrs. Bottlewalla and Wadia to play in the final on Saturday the 24th, and it is said that Mr. Bottlewalla will win. Mr. Bottlewalla beat our best man, Mr. F. Porltock, in the first round; six games against four after a set to each.

Besides these two tournaments there have been the mixed doubles playing for the Amateur Lawn Tennis Open Championship and the handicap tournaments for the Gymkhana Members. In the mixed doubles (American tournament) handicap, Captain and Mrs. Dening came off victorious by one game with a handicap of minus half fifteen. Mrs. A. de C. Scott, who took a man's place, one being short, came a near second with her partner, Miss Rose. This couple had the same handicap. For the Ladie's doubles (handicap) there were only four entries, Mrs. Binning and Mrs. F. W. Marrs being the winners.

There were quite a number of entries for the Ladie's singles (handicap), and mixed doubles (handicap). In the Ladie's singles, Miss Carroll beat Mrs. Breat in the final. In the mixed doubles there are still three couples left in. On the 24th, Mrs. Emanuel gives Tea to the whole of Matheran at the Gymkhana, when the finals for the Amateur Lawn Tennis open championship Ladie's Singles and Gentlemen's Singles are to be played off.

To-day, Friday, there is to be a concert in the open air at the Gymkhana. Mrs. Emanuel, the wife of the Collector, has arranged this in aid of the medical work of the Indian Women's Aid Society. Mrs. Emanuel is very much interested in this. She is busy daily attending the native women and children of Matheran, who care to go to her. This concert is to be a success, and nearly all the seats are taken. The artists are:—Mrs. Scotson, Mrs. Brent, Mr. and Mrs. Binning, Mrs. Carrol, the Misses Panday and the Misses Kapadia, Mademoiselle Labourean and Lt. Longstaff. The concert starts at 6-30 p.m., and we are to have Japanese lanterns. Tickets Rs. 3 and Rs. 2. There is also another concert on the 27th, to be held in the Hotel Metropole, 5 to 7 p. m. At this concert we are to hear Indian music. The Principal, Pundit Vichee Degamber and the staff of the Gandharva Maha Vidyalaya (academy of Indian music) will entertain us with Indian songs and music. The concert is to be in aid of the Building Fund required for the said Vidyalaya.

On the 25th, Sunday, most of us will need a rest. Then on the 26th crowds are expected to gather on the Race course Olympia, to watch the Scottist Orphanage Sports. Major Murison, I.M.S., the Superintendent of Matheran and Mrs. C. C. Murison are giving an 'at home' on the 27th, at 5 p.m. In their spare moment people have been pouring over their atlas as the cards of invitation have on them "Geography, Tea and Badminton."

As to the climate, it has been delightful. We have had mists, and a lot of them, at which people grumble, but we have had some really cold nights. Many have wrapped themselves up in coats for dinner and in blankets at night. The average temperature for the last week at 7 a. m. was 71 deg. and on May 20th the temperature at 7. a. m. was 70 deg. and 78 deg. at 2 p.m.

One rather sad thing happened during the week. Two Parsees rode out to Gharbut Point and tied up their horses to a tree, whilst they, the Parsees, enjoyed the view. The horses broke loose and started fighting each other. Both fell over the cliff, one being killed.

So much for games and current events. The papers are telling us a good deal about water schemes and programmes for the development of Matheran. The Sanitary Engineer has reported that the water of Charlotte Lake is not fit for drinking and that even the best springs are liable to be contaminated. He suggests a pipe-supply from Charlotte Lake of water which has passed through filter beds. Let us hope something may come of his suggestions. So many people here drink unboiled and unfiltered water either as water plain or as sodawater. When one thinks of the contamination that is likely to come through the water bags and other vessels in which water in placed, in addition to the doubtful purity of the springs, it is no wonder that there is a great desire for an improved water-supply. As for the development of Matheran, very few will publicly maintain that it should be a hill-station for the few and the rich, but all will agree that there should be no haphazard development, which will endanger the health of rich and poor alike; and, at the same time, increase the temperature. Matheran is not very high, but is wonderfully cool for its height. If its development means an increase in temperature, it will cease to have any great attraction for the dweller in Bombay, who must leave his electric fan behind him. Incidentally it may be remarked that it is not uncommon to meet with virulently bad smells on one's walks and the haphazard collection of huts behind the Bazaar Road is a disgrace to the station. The overworked Superintendent can do little to remove this latter evil, as these huts are retained on an insecure tenure; but the sooner the regulations are altered so that the bazar population may, without danger of wasting money, be enforced to erect sanitary habitations under due restrictions, the better for themselves and for the visitor, who took upon Matheran not only as a beauty spot, but as a delightful refuge from the heat, dust, and noise, of congested Indian towns.

THE question of financing works of public improvement is now forming the subject of consideration between the Government of India and the Punjab Government.

DIABETES.

An interesting treaties dealing with causes, different stages and the most effective treatment of Diabettes, Hydrocele and Skin diseases, will be given away free to the readers of the "Bombay Gazette" on application to—A. Chatterji & Co., (B. G.) 108-2, Machuabazar Road, Calcutta.

HYDROCELE.

SUICIDE ON BOARD S.S. "HANNINGTON."

DUE TO EXCESSIVE HEAT.

On Sunday morning at the Morgue, Mr. H. P. T. Lattey, Acting Coroner, held an inquest on the body of Edgar Hopkins, a European boy aged 14, who was employed as a deck boy on board the s.s. "Hannington" now moored in Bombay harbour.

The deceased seems to have been a runaway from home. The evidence showed that when the ship left Barry, the boy was found stowed in the poop of the ship. On being questioned as to how he came to be there, he replied that he wanted to go to foreign countries and work, and he had therefore run away from home. The Captain of the ship told him that his idea was a ridiculous one, at which he began to cry. The officers gave him necessary clothing and some jobs to do. At Port Said the deceased was signed on at five shillings per week.

The Captain of the ship, who was examined, said that the boy was of a lazy disposition, and was disinclined to do any work, If he was given any work, he made a mess of the whole thing. About 12-20 on Saturday, a seaman of the ship went to the poop to look for the boy, when he found him hanging by the neck from the poop and at once took him down. Artificial respiration was resorted to, but was unawailing. The Captain thought that the boy had a touch of the sun.

The jury returned a verdict of suicide by hanging himself, while temporarily insane, owing to the excessive heat, to which the deceased was not accustomed.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE EXCELSIOR.

There can be no doubt about the new programme at the Excelsior—it is the very thing. Alike in variety, brightness, and interest, it is calculated to attract every class and satisfy every taste, and it is unlikely that a single member of the large audiences which filled the theatre on Saturday and Sunday could have gone away without a keen sense of satisfaction. Perhaps the outstanding item on the progamme is the Japanese costume dance by Miss Corlass. It is a thing of beauty and joy for as long as it lasts, and longer; as it lingers in the memory. In her other songs too, Miss Corlass is as dainty and charming as ever, and there is certainly no sign of the waning of her popularity—on the contrary, it seems to grow with every appearance. Then there is her colleague, Mr. Quiningborough, who is a funny dog He has the real wit and he can put everybody into a good humour. The film programme is of a very high order; the chief item being, of course, the appearance of Madame Sarah Bernhardt, as Queen Elizabeth, in a historical drama founded on the love of the great Queen for the Earl of Essex. It is a remarkable piece of photogrhaphy infinite pains must have been taken to produceit, while of course, as to the acting, there is no need to speak; for all the performers come from Madame Bernhardt's own theatre in Paris, and with her own self to lead them. What more could be wanted, Besides this there is a good comic film, and the other features which are always included in the excellent programmes submitted by the Excelsior.

CINEMA DE LUXE.

Packed houses prevailed at the Tivoli all last week, due no doubt to the excellent bill submitted by the very thorough management. There were three new 'turns' on the new programme on Saturday night, each of which went with a swing. Ricard and Best are still in the bill and their double musical numbers were quite equal to those of last week. It is in banjo playing that Monte Ricard excels, and a selection of his own compositions, 'Ricardo Waltz' met with a great reception, as also the Nursery Rhymes by the two artistes. Little Mona gave several fine numbers, her soldier song, "Country, King, and Girl," meeting with hearty approbation from all parts of the house. Miss Edna Deane (soprano) also has a fine voice, flexible, sympathetic, and insistent, according to the necessities of the song she is singing, and sang herself into the good graces of the audience immediately. Miss Maisie Swede is quite a clever little entertainer and gave a sort of monologue, introducing and impersonating people who frequent the theatre, such as a "Johnnie," a Curate, and a Coster. The pictures are varied and interesting this week. The principal film, "Her Ladyship's Jewels," is rather long, yet one's interest is not allowed to flag. A fine scenic picture is seen in "The Falls of Dalfaren in Sweeden," and gives one an idea how raging torrents and fast running rivers can be harnessed, and utilised to provide motive power. An introductive film was "How Cinzino Vermouth was made." Pathe's Gazette unfortunately had to be curtailed, the Scenes of Scutari having to be deleted. Two comic films were shown. Our old friend Wiffles in "The Cremation of Wiffles," taking the palm. As there are so many excellent musical numbers on the programme this week, Mr. Louis Cowen has kindly consented to conduct the orchestra.

THE ALCAZAR.

The Alcazar has been experiencing its usual good business during the past week and some splendid 'turns' that are being staged this week, Miss Maria Godwin, the popular comedienne will appear for the whole week and will sing all the gems from her extensive repertoire. On Saturday and Sunday she gave "1-35" and "Liya Lee"! Her song, "Has anybody seen my Tiddler," provoked much amusement. The audience joining whole-heartedly in singing the chorus. Of course, she had a Ragtime number to which she did full justice. The pictures are, as usual, 'excellent.' The best film was a most amusing comedy, "His Lordship's little Lapse," with Wiffles in the principal part. A drama of an exciting nature was the "Temptress" and includes a thrilling chase—a motor-car being pursued and overtaken by the police on motor-cycles. A pretty and interesting travel-subject was shown in Pathe 'colours' entitled "The Scented East, Ceylon." The comic film, "If Doughty Deeds," was responsible for one roar of laughter from start to finish. Pathe's Gazette includes all the latest news from all parts of the world and the latest Paris fashions. On Saturday night the double bill was presented, the artistes from the Cinema De Luxe giving their several 'turns' in excellent fashion. The main problem for the management is how to pack a thousand people into a theatre that only holds about eight hundred. Every time these double bills are given people have to go away disappointed, being unable to obtain seats. It is being presented again this evening at 10 o'clock, so intending visitors should get their tickets early.

SIR Ronald Ross has returned to London from the work he has been carrying out in regard to Malaria in Cyprus on behalf of the Colonial Office.

NEWS LATER THAN THE MAIL.

THE SUFFRAGETTES.

The following news later than the mail appears in the Australian papers:—

London, May 11.

Suffragettes yesterday cut the seats and fittings of a taxicab in which they were riding in the city. They caused damage to the extent of £10.

At Dundee on Friday night, Farrington Hall, the residence of Mr. Henry McGrady, a former Lord Provost of the City, was found to be on fire in six places simultaneously. The conflagration, which caused damage to the extent of £10,000 is believed to have been started by suffragettes.

The suffragettes burned a large empty house at Barrow on Friday.

Every pillar box in Bomford and Ilford was drenched with acids on Friday evening.

The Women's Social and Political League is experiencing a difficulty in connection with the hiring of public rooms.

The leaders of the League suggest that all members shall leave the places of worship to-day before the clergymen commence to preach, the idea being to enter a protest against the way in which the Churches have treated the women's suffrage movement.

The National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies is arranging for a pilgrimage of 17 processions from all parts of the country to London. The processionists will carry out propaganda work on the way, and will attend a service in St. Paul's Cathedral on July 27.

Mr. whitey secretary of the Labour Press Company, has been arrested in consequence of his having printed the "Suffragette."

LABOUR TROUBLE.

London, May 10.

The men engaged in the shipyards on the Clyde and in the north east of England refuse to work overtime in consequence of their being dissatisfied with the existing rates of wages. It is feared that a strike involving 100,000 men will be declared.

London, May 11.

The employees in the Royal dockyards are dissatisfied with the concessions recently offered them by the Admiralty.

The dockers at Liverpool have yielded to the shipowners.

THE WORLD'S PEACE.

New York, May 11.

Speaking at the Peace Banquet in New York yesterday, Sir George Reid (High Commissioner for the Australian Commonwealth) congratulated the Anglo-Saxon peoples on the warmth of their regard for the preservation of the world's peace.

Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore, wrote expressing a hope that Brittania and Columbia would stretch their arms across the ocean, thus forming a sacred arch of peace and uniting the two nations in proclaiming to the world that with God's help the earth would never more be deluged with fratricidal blood.

Mr. W. J. Bryan (American Secretary of State) declared that no nation would outstep the United States in peace efforts.

Lord Weardale and others spoke in a similar strain.

Professor Munsterberg, of Harvard, warned his hearers of the likelihood of non-Anglo-Saxon citizens of the United States regarding the Anglo-American peace celebration as the first step towards an Anglo-American alliance against Germany, The foreign citizens of the United States were, he added, not friendly to Great Britain.

SIR STUART SAMUEL.

London, May 11.

Some of the Radicals, Nationalists, and Unionists in the House of Commons threaten to oppose the second reading of the Bill introduced for the purpose of indemnifying Sir Stuart Samuel, who was recently declared to be liable for a huge sum in fines in consequence of his having taken part in divisions in the House of Commons while he was legally deprived of his seat owing to his firm's having fulfilled a contract to supply silver to the Indian Government.

Lord Hugh Cecil (Unionist) has given notice of his intention to submit an amendment declaring that while Sir Stuart Samuel should be indemnified so far as the exaggerated penalties were concerned, he should be required to pay a moderate penalty.

DEFENCE OF THE PACIFIC

Ottawa, May 11.

Addressing a meeting of the Canadian Club at Winnipeg yesterday, Mr. Allen, New Zealand Minister for Defence, outlined New Zealand's Naval and military progress, and said that should the time ever come when Canada was menaced New Zealand would be able to send an expeditionary army of 80,000 men to aid her. The defence question was more pressing upon New Zealand than upon other parts of the Empire because of her proximity to the Far East, which had brought the question of an Oriental menace into possibility again. He urged the necessity for Canada, New Zealand and Australia co-operating to safe guard the sea lanes of the Pacific.

EPILEPTIC OBLIVION.

Berlin, May 10.

Some time ago Herr Troewel, Mayor of Usedom, a Prussian town at the mouth of the Oder River disappeared while suffering from epileptic oblivion, to which he was subject. He wandered abroad and enlisted in the French Foreign Legion in Algiers. Lately he recovered consciousness, and upon realising the situation he was in he appealed to his family to secure his release.

EGYPTIAN OUTRAGE.

Cairo, May 10.

On a railway line near Assiut yesterday brigands stopped a goods train and ransacked it. The police interrupted the proceedings and in a fight that ensued a policeman and a brigand were killed and several other of the combatants seriously wounded.

MEXICAN REVOLT.

Mexico City, May 11.

Three thousand Federal troops yesterday retired to Guaymas after having been fighting all day and night against the Sonora State troops. The latter are now cannonading Guaymas.

AMERICAN GRAFT.

New York, May 11.

Four police inspectors in New York were yesterday found guilty of having practised graft. They were sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, and were fined £100 each.

SALVAGE.

London, May 10.

The Admiralty Court has awarded the officers and crew of H. M. cruiser Melpomene £2,500 for salvaging a Glasgow collier which ran on to the Alacran reef. Captain Doughty, master of the Melpomense, was specially rewarded for having gone to the assistance of the collier thereby taking the risk of incurring the displeasure of the Admiral under whom he was serving.

AVIATION FATALITY.

San Francisco, May 11.

Lieut. Parks, an aerial scout, was killed near Los Angeles yesterday through his machine colliding with a tree as he was flying through a mist.

GAMBLING.

Paris, May 10.

The Chamber of Deputies by a majority of seven yesterday adopted a motion for the suppression of gambling. The Government desired to impose a progressive tax upon gambling profits, and in consequence it opposed the motion.

AN ECCENTRIC WOMAN.

Paris, May 10.

At Lerat yesterday the police removed to a hospital an aged woman who was in a dying condition. Owing to grief over the death of her sister she shut herself in a flat and lived in darkness for seven years. The circumstances recall the story of Miss Havisham in "Great Expectations."

EDUCATION PROBLEM.

London, April 11.

Dr. Frodsham, Anglican Bishop of North Queensland, in a letter to the newspapers, recommends the adoption of the New South Wales system as the best solution of the religious education problem. Queensland, he adds, solved the problem in a similar manner by co-operation between the Anglican and the Nonconformists.

'GAZETTE OF INDIA."

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, May 23.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Major Riddell, 48th Pioneers, granted leave from the 1st May to the 2nd November.

Captain Meadow, 7th Rajputs, officiates as Inspecting Officer, Rajputana Imperial Service Infantry.

The services of Mr. M. F. O'Dwyer are placed at the disposal of the Government of India.

Mr. H. M. Mehdi has been appointed as the Persian Consul at Madras.

Lieut.-Col. Berkely has been appointed the Political Agent of Bandelkhand.

ARMY DEPARTMENT.

Major-General Raith becomes Brigade Commander vice Major-General Payne.

Major J. W. Harley has been granted 8 months and 24 days leave.

Captain A. R. C. Shuttleworth is granted temporary rank of Major.

Indian Distinguished Service medal is conferred on Havildar-Major Sardar Khan, 6th Ammunition Column, R. F. A.

Brevet-Col W. M. Dawes, Lieut.-Col. F. C. Logan and Major T. L. Orr retire from service.

Volunteer officers' decorations are conferred on Capt. Mackay, Eastern Bengal Volunteers' Orders.

The regulating scale of rank for precedence for civil officials of the Survey Department, with an army in field, is published in the current issue of the "Gazette of India."

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Mr. A. R. Knapp, C. S. reverts to Madras. Captain Shorten, I. M. S., officiates as professor of Physiology Medical College, Calcutta, vice Major McCay.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

C. D. A. Crofton C. S. officiates as Accountant-General, Bihar and Orissa and Mr. Rushforth, Assistant Accountant-General, Madras, granted one month's leave.

MILITARY FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Messrs. Glancey Gonsalves and Davies officiate as Deputy Examiner of Accounts, second grade.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Messrs. G. Taylor, F. Ware, and R. Brandford, are confirmed in Civil Veterinary Department.

It is notified that the Member of the Executive Council of Governor-General in charge of Revenue Department becomes a Member and Chairman of Board of Management of Indian People's Famine Trust vice Sir Robert Carlyle.

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. J. F. Grunning C. S. officiates as Secretary, Commerce Department, vice Mr. Enthoven granted two months and fourteen days' leave. Mr. E. D. Bennett, Superintendent Northern India, Salt, granted four months extension of furlough, and Mr. McIver, Superintendent, granted three months' leave. Mr. Gordon Sanderson, Superintendent, Muhammadan and British Monuments, Northern Circle, is confirmed in Archaeological Department.

SHEEP IN WESTERN TIBET.

We hear that in Western Tibet the year 1912 was favourable to the flocks on which so much of the trade depends not only for produce but for transportation. The world's strong demand for wool was felt even beyond the passes, and owner are said to be increasing their flocks. The dry climate and the absence of thornyl undergrowth are said to afford favourable conditions for the introduction of the Australian merino strain but so far the improvement in the local flocks seems to relate to quantity rather than quality. There seems to be no reason why larger flocks should not be raise in Tibet; but the volume of the country's trade in wool across certain of the passes is limited by the fact that the passes is limited by the fact that the tracks are impassable to pack animals other than sheep and goats and by the inadequacy of the grazing on the route I remains, therefore, as important as ever to improve the quality and so raise the value of the produce brought down over these passes.

In our issue of the 26th September, 1907 we pointed out that one means by which this could be done was to scour the wool on the other side of the passes and so eliminate the dirt and grease now transported at great cost. It was mentioned that borax—a local product of those regions—is an excellent deferrent for wool, and that such borax as is brought to India should also be freed of its dirt before being packed. There have been rumours from time to time that the scheme was to be tried and the imposition of an export duty upon borax sent to India forms an additional reason why it should if possible be put to industrial use in Tibet. The duty as instituted in 1908 was 10 per cent on all borax or salt sold by Tibetans to Indian traders and the trade has undoubtedly declined. Owing mainly to the resistance of the Bhutanese, the duty was in 1912 reduced to 5 per cent, but it is still regarded by traders as of a seriously deterrent kind and as creating some fear of similar duties on wool and pashm.—"Indian Trade Journal."

PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS.

A Prospectus has been filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, which states, amongst other things that :—

The SUBSCRIPTION LIST OPENS TO-DAY, (Monday), the 26th day of May, 1913, and will CLOSE on or before THURSDAY, the 29th day of May, 1913.

THE NEGOMBO (CEYLON) COCO-NUT ESTATES, LIMITED.

(Incorporated under the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908.)

CAPITAL £175,000

Divided into 100,000 6 per cent. Cumulative Participating Preference Shares of £1 each, and 75,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each.

Issue at Par of 75,000 Cumulative Participating Preference Shares:

Payable as to 2s. 6d. per Share on application; 2s. 6d. per Share on allotment; 5s. per Share 1 month after allotment ; 5s. per Share 2 months after allotment ; and 5s. per Share 3 months after allotment.

The Preference Shares are preferred as to Capital, and are entitled to a fixed cumulative preferential dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on the Capital for the time being paid up thereon, thereafter the surplus profits of the Company available for distribution in any year will, after providing for the payment to the holders of the Ordinary Shares of a dividend of 6 per cent., be divisible among the Preference and Ordinary Shareholders in proportion to the amount paid up on their Shares.

DIRECTORS.

SIR ARTHUR HENRY TEMPLE MARTINDALE, K.C.S.I., Guildcroft, Guildford (Chairman).
HORACE DRUMMOND DEANE-DRUMMOND, J.P., The Boyce Court, Dymock, Gloucester, (Retired Planter, Director of Wallardie Tea Estates, Limited).
REAR-ADMIRAL WILLIAM FANE DE SALIS, M.V.O., R.N., Brookfield, Alverstoke, Hants.
CAPTAIN ERNEST FITZROY MORRISON-BELL, M.P., Pitt House, Chudleigh, Devon (Director of the Teign Valley Granite Company, Ltd.).
FRANCIS CROSBIE ROLES, Aspley Guise, Bedfordshire (Director Kelantan Produce and Development Company, Ltd.)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN CEYLON.

The Hon. Mr. A. J. R. de SOYSA, Colombo, (Member of Ceylon Legislative Council).
T. H. A. de SOYSA, Colombo, (Planter).
R. F. DARBY (CHARLES MACKWOOD AND CO.), Colombo, (Merchant).

BANKERS.

THE CHARTERED BANK of INDIA, AUSTRALIA and CHINA, Indian Branches.

SOLICITORS.

For the VENDORS: WILKINSON, HOWLETT and WILKINSON, 14, Bedford-street, Covent Garden, London, W.C. For the Company: Braby and Waller, Dacre House, Arundel-street, Strand, London, W.C.

PRODUCE BROKERS.

GOW, WILSON and STANTON, Ltd., 13, Rood-lane, London, E.C.; Gow, Somerville and Co., Colombo.

BROKERS.

PIDGEON and STEBBING, 3, Copthall-buildings, London E.C.

AUDITORS.

MORISON and BELL (Chartered Accountants), 33, Mincing-lane, London, E. C. and 7a, Prince-street, Colombo.

SECRETARY and REGISTERED OFFICES.

H. H. SIMMONS, 6, Old Jewry, London E.C.

THIS COMPANY has been formed for the objects specified in its Memorandum of Association and in particular to purchase and carry on as from 1st January, 1913, the Badalgama and Indiwinne Coco-nut Estate situated near Negombo, Ceylon, and having together an area of 1,166 acres, also a further area of over 50 acres adjoining Indiwinne, making a total area of 1,216 acres.

The Board of Trade returns show that the imports of Coco-nut butter into Great Britain rose from 95,583 cwts. in 1907 to 585,192 cwts in 1911, an increase of over 500 per cent. in four years.

That vegetable fats possess many advantages over animal fats is now generally recognised, and as a result a continually increasing demand has been created.

The following are extracts from the reports on the Estates by Mr. Alan S. Long Price, of Delwita Coco-nut Estates, Kurunegala, a leading Ceylon expert:—

BADALGAMA ESTATE.

This district is one of the best for coco-nut cultivation in the Island.

AREA—The total acreage of the Estate is 688 acres 0 roods, 22 perches of which 630 acres, 2 roods, 36 perches are planted with Coco-nuts.

The property is well watered, for in addition to the rivers on the boundaries, several streams flow through the estate.

RAINFALL—It is said to be about 70 inches to 75 inches per annum, which is ample for coco-nuts.

WEEDING—All over the estate is in good order, and the property is neat and tidy in this respect.

CROP—The total crop, for 1911, amounted to 1,844,587 nuts. I have taken 1,800,000 nuts as a fair average to commence with, and subject to proper cultivation being carried out there should be a steady increase in crop.

CATTLE—There is a valuable herd of 552 head of cattle, together with necessary carts, etc. In fact this Estate is very well equipped indeed.

LABOUR—There are some 40 Tamil coolies resident on the Estate, and local labour is said to be ample.

INDIWINNE ESTATE.

AREA—The total acreage of the Estate is 478 acres and 3 perches, of which 241 acres, 2 roods, 5 perches are planted in Coconuts.

PLANTATION—This Estate must have been well opened in the first instance and planting carefully done. The bearing palms vary in age from 20 to 27 years, and can thus be said at their best age for cultivating now.

CROP—The crop from July, 1910, to end June, 1911, amounted to 249,771 nuts, and for 1911-1912 season 207,732 nuts. In 1913, crop should show a very considerable increase, as weather this year has been very favourable. The shortage in 1911-1912 crop is entirely due to the abnormal drought experienced during that period.

LABOUR—The place is worked by local labour.

Mr. Thomas Carry, the Manager (Superintendent) of the Estates, reporting on them, says:—

I estimate that Indiwinne and Badalgama will give next year about 300,000 nuts and 2,250,000 nuts respectively.

From my thirty years' experience of Coco-nut planting, I consider with continued cultivation that it should be easy to bring the crops eventually up to 800,000 nuts on Indiwinne and 3,000,000 nuts on Badalgama respectively.

A report and certificate of profits has been furnished by Messrs. Morison and Bell, Chartered Accountants, of London and Ceylon.

It will be seen from the Certificates that the profits for the two years and six months ended 31st December, 1912, average over £8,000 per annum.

Taking Mr. Carry's estimate of the crop for the present year, viz:—2,550,000 nuts and the price of Copra for the year at Rs. 90 per candy (which is less than the present price) the net profit for 1913 from copra alone should amount to £10,500 after meeting the cost of improve cultivation, the benefit of which will be experienced later, and as the Company is entitled to the profits as from 1st January, 1913, the **Preference dividend is amply secured from the commencement.**

The present issue will provide £15,000 additional working capital, which will suffice for the installation of the fibre and desiccating mills recommended by Mr. Alan Long Price, and leave a substantial balance for improved cultivation and the acquisition of adjoining lands, for which negotiations are in progress. In addition 25,000 Preference Shares have been reserved for future issue.

A cable received from Colombo, on April 12th, 1913, states the price of Ceylon Copra to be Rs. 96 per candy ; but taking the price per candy at Rs. 85 on the full annual output as above estimated, the net annual profits on the existing planted area would be approximately £14,845 0 0

It is intended to plant the remaining Jungle areas, and taking 150 acres as good plantable land and adding 50 acres of new land recently purchased; this the Directors are advised should ultimately yield a net revenue of £3,100 0 0

£17,945 0 0

Add to this the profits which Mr. Long Price estimates should accrue from the erection of a fibre mill £2,000 0 0
Rents £500 0 0

Making a total profit per annum of £20,445 0 0

This sum would be sufficient to pay the 6 per cent. Preference dividend on the present issue, a like dividend on the Ordinary Shares and a further 6 per cent. on both the Preference and Ordinary Shares, making a total dividend of 12 per cent. per annum and leaving a balance of £2,445 for administration and reserve.

As the properties acquired will be free from incumbrance, the present issue of £75,000 Participating Preference Shares is well secured both as to capital and dividend.

The purchase price payable to the Eastern Development Corporation, Limited, whose registered offices are at No. 25, Victoria-street, London, S. W., the vendors, is £127,500, payable as to £75,000 in fullypaid Ordinary Shares of £1 each and as to £52,500 in cash. Nothing is payable for goodwill.

Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and of the contracts, and of the reports of experts referred to herein can be seen at the offices of the solicitors of the Company between the hours of 11 and 4 any time before the closing of the subscription list.

Applications for shares should be made on the accompanying form or that enclosed with the Prospectus, and forwarded to the Company's Bankers with a remittance for the amount payable on application.

Full Prospectuses, upon the terms of which applications will alone be received, and application forms can be obtained at the Bankers.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS.

THE NEGOMBO (CEYLON) COCO-NUT ESTATES, LIMITED.—*Contd.*

THIS FORM MAY BE USED

THE NEGOMBO (CEYLON) COCO-NUT ESTATES, LIMITED.

To the Directors of THE NEGOMBO (CEYLON) COCO-NUT ESTATES, LIMITED

Gentlemen,—Having paid to the Company's Bankers the sum of £..... being a deposit of 2s. 6d. per Share on.....Cumulative Participating Preference Shares of £1 each in the above-named Company, I request that you will allot to me that number of Shares, upon the terms of the Company's Full Prospectus, dated the 24th day of May, 1913, and of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company ; and I hereby agree to accept the same or any smaller number you may allot to me, and to pay a further 2s. 6d. per share on allotment and the balance as provided by the said Prospectus, and I authorise you to place my name on the Register of Members in respect of the Shares alloted to me.

Name (in full) .....

Ordinary Signature .....

Address (in full) .....

Profession or Occupation.....

Date .....191 .

This Form may be used and should be filled up and sent to any branch of **The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,** together with a cheque for the amount payable on application. Cheques should be made payable to "Bearer" and crossed.

MARKET REPORT.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, May 23.	BOMBAY, May 24.

FINANCIAL.

	Rates.	Plus.	Minus.
2½ per cent. Consols	74 13-16		1-8
3 do. Rentes.	85 1-2		1-4
3 -2 do. Sterling Loan... ...	89 1-2		1-4
do. do. Gov. Securities.. ...	84 5-16	un	chgd
Bar Silver in London Spot	27 5-8		1-16
do. 2 months' hence ...	27 7-8	un	chgd
Bar Silver in New York	59 7-8		1-8
Exchange on London at Paris ...	25·2 1-2		·2
do. do. at Berlin.	20·44		·2
do. do. New York	4·83 1-4		·8
Discount Bank of England Rate ...	4 1-2	since	
do Short London Bills	17th Apl.		
3 months' sight...	3 5-8		·8
do. Indian Bank Bills 6 months' sight ...	3 5-8		1-8
do. 3 months' Fine Trade Bills ...	4 3-8	un	chgd
do. 6 months' Fine Trade Bills ...	4 3-8	un	chgd
Interest day-to-day Loans... ...	2 7-8		1-8
do. 7 day Market Loans ...	3		1-8

Bar Gold ...77-9 unchgd.
Exchange on India 30 days' sight (Bank buying rate) 1s. 3 7-16d. unchanged.
Closing tone of silver—Fall caused by absence of buying orders.

COUNCIL BILLS EXTRA ALLOTMENTS:—
...Rs. 4,50,000 at 1s. 4 3-32d.

SPECIE SHIPMENTS.

Silver to Bombay	£	180,000
Gold to Bombay.....	£	270,000
Gold Coin to Bombay	£	10,009
Silver to Calcutta	£	10,000
Silver to Shanghai.....	£	.....
Silver to Ceylon.....	£	.....

LONDON, May 9.

"The Bank of England notified on the 5th May that of £150,000 received from Egypt £75,000 has been set aside on account of Crown Agents for the Colonies Straits Settlements Note Guarantee Fund Gold Portion."

COTTON.

LIVERPOOL—

Spot	Steady.	Limited business.
Futures	...	Steady.
Manchester		Quiet but firm.
Total Sales	...	5,000 bales.
Sold on Speculation and for Export	...	1,000
Imports	...	18,000
Mid-Americans	...	6·79+03
Egyptian F. G. F. Brown	...	10·00+05

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES:—

May-June.	June July.	July-Aug.
6·52 +04	6·50 +04	6·46 +04
Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.
6 36 +04	6·22 +05	6·14 +04
Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb. Mar.-Apr.
6·10 +03	6·09 +03	6·09 +03 6·11 +03

New York 11 a.m., July 11·79, Oct. 11·18.
New York official Noon call July 11·80 Oct. 11·21.
New Orleans 10 a.m. July 12·1, Oct. 11·29.

NEW YORK—

	Bales.
Day's Receipts at U. S. Ports ...	13,000
" Receipts at " last year...	6,000
" Exports to Great Britain ...	.....
" Exports to Continent ...	8,000
Spot Cotton	12·10 unchgd.

Futures—Month of July 11·72—09
Futures—Month of Oct. 11·17—07
Advanced early on favorable cotton goods situation and declined later owing to foreign selling.

NEW ORLEANS—

Spot cotton ...	12 3-16—1-8
Futures month of July ...	12·16—07
Futures month of Oct. ...	11·28—05
Tone of Spot Cotton ...	Steady.

Week's Receipts at U. S. Ports ...	Bales. 59,000
Do. Exports to Great Britain ...	19,000
Do. do to France & Continent.	44,000
Do. do to Japan	4,000
Stock of cotton at U. S. Ports.....	438,000
Do. do. at Interior Ports.....	342,000

LIVERPOOL COTTON STATISTICS—

	Bales.
Total Actual Exports.....	6,000
Do. Forwarded	94,000
Do. Imports	93,000
Do. Stocks	1,127,000
Stock of Cotton in London.....	2,740
Cocconada Fair Red C.I.F. London...	5 5-32
Cocconada Ginned " " ...	5 6-32
Western Good " " ...	5 13-32

Liverpool, May 24.

Tone Dhooties and Shirtings—Moderate business at firm rates.
Tone Cloths. Quiet but firm.

Weft American "54"	... 11 7-8
Weft Egyptian "80"	... 13 1-2
Tone—Yarn—Market	... Strong.
Weft Egyptian "32"	... 12 1-2
Twist "32" W T C	... 10 3-4
Twist "32" B	... 10 3-4
Cloth Gunni's 20 36inch	... 13 8 1-2
Twist "36" W T C	... 10 5-8
Twist "36" B	... 11
Twist "42"	... 12 1-2
Twist American "60"	... 16 3-4
Twist Egyptian "60"	... 17 3-8
Twist Egyptian "80"	... 21 3-4
Grey shirtings 39 in. by 37 1-2 38 yds 16 by 12 8 lbs Red Heading	7 9
" " 44 in. by 39 yds 14 by 13-8 lbs ...	8 5
White Nainsooks 28 in. by 18 yds 16 by 13 to 16-15 Range ...	3 1
" Mull 28 in. by 18 yds 14 by 12 Green Ends ...	2 2 3-4
" Shirtings 32-35 in. by 44 yds Liepmans No 1500 ...	12 6 1-4
40s Banner Hill Twist	... 11
Geo Mayall's Yarn	... 11 1-16
F. G. F. Tinnevely C I F—Liverpool ...	... 6 7-32
Buyers or Sellers ...	... Sellers.
months	June-July. pence
Water Twist American 30s.	10 1-8
" " " 40s.	11 3-8
Mule " " 40s.	11
" " " 50s.	12 7-8
" " " 60s.	14 7-8
" " Egyptian 40s.	16 1-2
" " " 50s.	17
" " " 60s.	18

WHEAT.

Wheat White Delhi ...	Nominal.
Do. Months— ...	.....
Do. Name of Ports— ...	.....
Wheat White Karachi ...	33 unchgd.
Do. Months ...	June-July.
Do. Name of Ports—	London—Done and Buyers.
Wheat Red Karachi	37 3-4 unchgd.
Do. Month— ...	May-June.
	London—Value.

Tone—Quiet but steady.

SOUTH AMERICAN WHEAT.

Rozario Santa Fe ...	36 1-4+1-8
Do. Months— ...	May-June.
	Sellers—Quiet but steady.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN

South Australian ...	33 unchgd.
Do. Months ...	May.
Buyers &c. ...	Sellers.

SEEDS.

RAPESEED—

Yellow Cawnpore per 416 lbs 85 p.c. ex-ship,	...50 3-4 unchgd.
Do. Months— ...	May-June.
Do. Name of Ports—	Dunkirk—Sellers.
Yellow Gujarat, per 416 lbs. 85 p. c. ex-ship	...52 1-4 unchgd
Do. Months— ...	April-May.
Do. Name of Ports.—	Dunkirk—Sellers.
Brown Cawnpore ...	46 3-4
Do. Months— ...	May-June.
Do. Name of Ports.—	Hamburg—Buyers.

Tone—Quiet.

LINSEED—

Bombay per 416lbs ex-ship ...	46 3-4—1-4
Do. Months— ...	May-June.
Do. Name of Ports—	Dunkirk—Sellers.

Tone—Quiet.

Linseed Calcutta ...	44 7-8—1-8
Do. Months— ...	April-June.
	London—Sellers.
Linseed Argentine—La Plata ...	42 5-8—3-8
Do. Months— ...	May-June.
Do. Name of Ports—	Antwerp—Sellers

COTTONSEED.—

Bombay Cottonseed Market £ 6-12-0 0-1-0
May-June—Hull—Nearest value. Quiet.

MISCELLANEOUS.

COFFEE— Fair Rio Coffee	... 11 3-8 unchgd
RUBBER— Para Rubber	... 3 9—1-16d.
	May-June—Sellers—Easier.

METALS—

Copper Braziers	...£ 82 1-4 unchgd.
Yellow Metal	... d. 7 1-8 unchgd.
Standard Copper G M B	... £ 63 3-4 unchgd.
Tin Plates I. C.Coke 14 by 20 112 sheets per box weighing 90 lbs c. i. f. Liverpool	.....
Bar Iron, Belgian No. 2 ordinary sizes F.O.B. Antwerp.	5 10 0
Iron Corrugated Sheets 24 gauge G.O.B. 4 per cent. F. O.B. Liverpool ...	11 5 0
Basic steel BareBelgian C.I.F. India	6 2 6

FREIGHTS—

Coals:—Cardiff to Bombay—12s.—Value.

ARRIVALS—
"Ostmark," Raharis'an.

SUGAR—

German Granulated Sugar	
C&F India (Double bags)..	13 0 3-4d. unchanged.
Do. Months of Shipment.	July-Aug.—Sellers.

Tone—Steady. Small business doing.

Hungarian Crystals Sugar	
C & F India	...12 4 1-2—3-4d
Do Months of Shipments—	June Sellers.

Tone—Very quiet.

German Beet-root 59 p.c.	...9 11-1—11 1-4d.
Months of Shipments	... May—Sellers.
9 6 1-2—3-4d.—Oct.-Dec.—Sellers.	
Tone—Irregular but closing steadier.	
E A R & Similar Crystals C & F India	... 13 6 3-4+3-4d.
Months of Shipments	...June-Augt.—Sellers.

Tone—Irregular and little doing.

Mauritius Crystals C & F Calcutta and Bombay	... Nominal.
Month of Shipments	... ...
Java Sugar—Still without activity.	

BOMBAY MARKETS.

SATURDAY EVENING.] [May 24TH, 1913.

EXPORTS OF BAR SILVER FROM BOMBAY BY RAIL on 22nd May, 1913.

By	Bars.	Ounces.
G. I. P. Railway.....	89	105,284
B. B. and C. I. Ry...	51	62,022

FINANCIAL.

MONEY:—

Bank of Ben. rate since 17th April 1913	6 p.c.
Bank of Bom. " " 3rd April 1913	7 "
Bank of Mad. " " 31st Dec. 1912	8 "

EXCHANGE—
The market opened quiet but steady and unchanged. Being mail day there has been little fresh business offering.
We quote.—

T. T. on London ...	Is. 4 1-13d.
Demand Draft ...	Is. 4 1-16d.
Credit 3 months sight ...	Is. 4 9-32d.
Do. do forward ...	Is. 4 1-4d. 1-15 July.
Do. do Paris ...	171 1-4
Do. do Marks ...	139 1-4
Hongkong 30 days' sight ...	143 3-4
Shanghai " ...	200
Japan " ...	143 3-4

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—
The market opened quiet but steady at 96 1-4 for Cash and the near Settlement and 96 3-8 for the second settlement. A small business is reported and there is no change in rates at the close.
We quote.—

Cash ...	... Rs. 96	4 0
1st Settlement	... " 96	4 0
2nd do	... " 96	6 0

BULLION.—
Yesterday ready bar silver in London was 1-16 lower at 27 5/8 while the forward rate was unchanged at 27 7-8. New York was 1-8 down at 59 7-8. The local market at 70 3-8 ex duty for the near settlement and has remained steady during the day at this rate with a moderate business doing.
We quote.—

English Bar Gold	... Rs. 24	1 6
Australian Gold	... " 24	0 6
Sovereign Gold	... " 15	0 0
Silver (ex duty)		
Ready	... " 70	6 0
1st Settlement	... " 70	6 0
2nd Settlement	... " 70	14 0
Silver (cum duty)		
Ready	... " 70	12 0
1st Settlement March	... " 70	14 0
2nd Settlement	... " 80	4 0

COTTON.

MARKET REPORT.—
The following are the latest telegrams received. here :—

WELLAND Co :—Market closed somewhat easier; less short covering. Our travelling man wires from Greenville (Texas) as follows :—Very heavy rains in North Texas-Dry weather is needed for next ten days.

GRUNING AND Co :—There is more disposition for business at present prices. Crop accounts are somewhat less favourable. Week end statistics are bullish.

The American markets closed 5 to 9 points lower in futures. Further fluctuations are likely. Strong American bear operators are no doubt doing their best to check the advance. The local market opened easier. There has been some enquiry for Sawginned for June delivery but the business passing has been small. The market closes quiet.

There has been a moderate enquiry for ready cotton which holders are meeting.

To-day being the settlement day for May contracts, we give below the official rates for the settlement.

The following are the official rates of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association Ld. for 24th May 1913 :—

Growths.	Fine.	F.G.	Good.	Delivery.
H. G. Bengals	...240	2 4	... ...	Ready.
M. G. Bengals Superfine ...	...250	... ...	...	do
Do.	...242	235 ...	...	do
M. G. Scind-Punjab...	240	233 ...	...	do
M. G. Khandeish ...	254	244 ...	...	do
M. G. Hingunghat, Wardha...	...285	277 ...	...	do
M. G. Nagpore, Kamptee ...	...281	273 ...	...	do
M. G. Yeotmahl ...	277	269 ...	...	do
M. G. Dhamangum, Poolgaum ...	...273	265 ...	...	do
M. G. Ambola, Khamgaum, "Fair Staple" ...	... 263	255 ...	...	do
M. G. Oomrawattee ...	267	259 ...	...	do
M. G. Broach ...	287	281 ...	...	do
M. G. Muttia ...	253	246 ...	...	do
Saw-ginned Dharwar. ...	...	...	288 ...	do
M. G. Westerns ...	...	...	287 ...	do
H. G. Westerns ...	...	...	279 ...	do
M. G. Compta ...	...	...	290 ...	do
H. G. Bagalkote ...	264	257	275 ...	do
M. G. Bagalkote ...	293	...	286 ...	do
M. G. Mirsj ...	...	...	289 ...	do

LIVERPOOL OPENING.—

Opening Tone	...Barely. Steady.
Estimated Sales	... 4,000
Total Imports	... 3,000

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES :—

May-June.	June-July.	July-Aug.
6·52 —01	6·49 —01	6·45 —01
Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.
6·35 —01	6 21 —01	6 13 —01
Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.
6 09 —01	6 08 —01	6 08 —01

SEEDS AND WHEAT.

LINSEED :—
The market is quiet but steady.

Ready	... Rs. 7 8	0 B.T.
May	... " 8 3	6 R.T.
September	... " 8 11	6 F.T.

RAPESEED:—
The market steady. We quote:—

Brown Delhi May	Rs. 8 7	9 R.T.
Yellow Cawnpore	" 8 9	0 B.T.
Yellow Guzrat	" 8 8	0 B.T.

GINGELLYSEED:—
Tone—Quiet.

Black Kurai ...	" 48	0 0
Yellow Higunghat	" 62	0 0
Yellow Secunderabad	" 59	8 0

POPPYSEED :—
Tone—Quiet but steady. We quote:—

Ready	... Rs. 11 12	0 B.T.

CASTORSEED:—
Tone—Steady. We quote :—

Ready	... Rs. 35	8 0

COTTONSEED :—
Tone—Steady. We quote :—

Ready	... Rs. 26	0 0

GROUNDNUTS :—
Tone—Steady. We quote :—

Bold	... Rs. 48	0 0
Small	... " 46	0 0

MOWRASEED—
Tone—Quiet. We quote :—

June—September	... Rs. 8	1 6 R.T.

WHEAT :—
Tone—Steady.

White Pessi 85 p.c. ready	Rs. 5	6 0 F.T.
White Delhi May	" 5	8 0 R.T.

SHARES.

BANKS.

Bank of Bombay	...	1,700
Bank of India	...	68
Eastern Bank	...	87
Indian Specie	...	65 1-2

MILLS.

Central India S. W. and Mfg. Co Ld	...	2,155
David	...	513 3-4
Kohinoor	...	774 1-2
Manookji Petit	...	3,905
New Great Eastern	...	242 1-2
Standard	...	1,150

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bombay E. S. & T. C. Ord		207
Bombay E. S. & T. C. Pre		173 1-2
Bombay S N Only	..	210
Colaba Land and Mill ..		1,460
Treachar and Co ...		500
Shivrajpur M. Syndicate		20

RAILWAY.

Tapti Valley	...	592 1-2

DAY'S RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of produce into Bombay, during the 24 hours ended at 6 p.m. yesterday :—

Cotton ...	...	12,765 bales.
Wheat ...	...	50,863 cwts.
Linseed ...	...	30,270 "
Rapeseed ...	...	2,640 "
Gingellyseed	...	795 "
Poppyseed ...	...	2,255 "
Groundnuts...	...	581 "
Castorseed ...	...	3,969 "
Rice ...	...	120,910 "
Myraboilams,	...	3,139 "
Cottonseed ...	...	16,382 "
Mowrasead ...	...	74 "
Gram	...	1,688 "
Jowar ...	...	2,362 "
Maize ...	...	Nil
Barley ...	...	566 "

LONDON MARKETS.

[LONDON MAY 24.] [BOMBAY, MAY 25.]

FINANCIAL.

	Rates.	Plus	Minus
2½ per cent Consols	74 7-8	1-16	
do. Rentes...	85 1-2	un	chgd
4½ per cent. Sterling Loans, ...	94 1-2	un	chgd
do. Govt. Securities	84 5-16	un	chgd
Bar Silver in London..	27 3-16	3-16	
do. 2 months hence	28	·9	
do. in New York	60 1-4	3-8	
Exchange on London at Paris.	25·21 1-2	un	chgd
do. do at Berlin	20·44	un	chgd
do do at New York	4 83 1-4	un	chgd
Discount Bank of England Rate	4 1-2	since	
do. short London Bills.	17th Apl		
3 months' sight	3 5-8	un	chgd
do. Indian Bank Bill. 6 months' sight	3 5-8	un	chgd
do. 3 months' Fine Trade Bills ..	4 3-8	un	chgd
do. 6 months' Fine Trade Bills ..	4 3-8	un	chgd
Interest day-to-day Loans	2 7-8	un	chgd
Interest 7 day Market Loans	3	un	chgd

Bar Gold ...77-9 unchgd.
Exchange on India, 30 days' sight (Bank buying rate) 1 3 7-8 unchanged.
Closing tone of Silver—Rise caused by India and China buying.

COTTON.

LIVERPOOL—

Spot	...Easier. Dull.
Futures	... Steady.
Manchester	... .
Total Sales	... 4,000 Bales.
Sold on Speculation and for Export	... 400 "
Imports	... 3,000 "
Mid-Americans	... 6·78—01
Egyptian F. G. F. Brown	... 10·00 unchgd.

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES :—

May-June.	June-July.	July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.
6 55 +02	6·52 +02	6·49 +03	6·38 +02
Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	
6·24 +02	6·16 +02	6 13 +02	
	Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	
	6·12 +02	6·11 +02	

NEW YORK—

	Bales.
Day's Receipts at U. S. Ports ...	7,000
" Receipts at U. S. last year...	3,500
" Exports to Great Britain ...	Nil
" Exports to Continent ...	7,000
" Spot Cotton	12·10 unchgd.

Futures—Month of July 11·73+01
Futures—Month of Oct. 11·20+03
Advanced on favorable and on bull support and shorts covering.

NEW ORLEANS—

Spot cotton	12 3-16 unchgd.
Futures month of July	...12·13—3
Futures month of Oct.	... 11·3 +04
Tone of Spot Cotton	... Quiet.

LIVERPOOL WEEKLY COTTON REPORT.

	Bales.
Total into Sight ..	... 13,160,000
Egyptian Visible Supply	... 200, 00
East Indian do	... 171,000
American do	... 2,741,000
Other do	... 145,000
Total Sales ...	... 37,000
Est Indian sales ...	... 100
Total Speculation ...	... 2,000
Do. Exportations ...	... 2,000
East Indian Exports...	... Nil
Do. Indian Stock ...	... 10,000
Do Forwarded Consumer ...	... 2,400
Do. Actual Exports	... 400
Do. Week's Imports	... 3,000
Do. Speculation ...	... Nil
Americans Afloat ...	... 100,000
East Indian ...	... 8,000
Total afloat ...	... 126,000

WHEAT.

Wheat White Delhi ...	.....
Do. Months— ...	.....
Do. Name of Ports—	.....
Wheat White Karachi ...	35
Do. Months—	May-June.
Do. Name of Ports—	London—Buyers.
Wheat Red Karachi ...	37 5-8
Do. Month—	May-June—London—Value

Tone—Quiet but steady.

SOUTH AMERICAN WHEAT.

Rozario Santa Fe ...	Unchanged
Do. Months ...	.....
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN.	
South Australian ...	Unchanged
Do. Months ...	.....

SEEDS.

RAPESEED—

Yellow Cawnpore per 416 lbs., 85 p.c. ex-ship ...	50 2-4
Do. Months— ...	May-June.
Do. Name of Ports—	Dunkirk—Sellers
Yellow Gujerat, per 416 lbs, 85 p. c. ex-ship ...	52 1-4
Do. Months ...	Apr-May
Do. Name of Ports ...	Dunkirk, Sellers.
Brown Cawnpore ...	46 1-2
Do. Months—	May-June.
Do. Name of Ports—	Hamburg—Value

Tone—Quiet.

LINSEED—

Bombay per 416 lbs ex-ship ...	46 1-4—1-2
Do. Months—	May-June.
Do. Name of Ports—	Antwerp—Done.

Tone—Quiet.

Linseed Calcutta ...	44 1-2
Do. Months— ...	Apr-June.
Do. Name of Ports—	London—Value—Quiet
Linseed Argentine—La Plata ...	42 5-8
Do. Months— ...	May-June.
Do. Name of Ports—	Antwerp—Sellers.

COTTONSEED—
Bombay Cottonseed Market £ 6-12-0
May-June—Hull—Nearest value
Quiet

MISCELLANEOUS.

COFFEE—
In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality) ... 11—3-8

RUBBER—
Para Rubber ... 3 9
May-June.—Value—Steady.

SUGAR—
German granulated sugar
C & F India double bags. 13 1 1-2
Do. Months of Shipment May-Aug.—Sellers.
Tone—Steady. Not much doing.
Hungarian Crystal Sugar
C & F India ... 12 4 1-2
Do. Months of Shipments...June—Sellers.
Tone—Inactive.
German Beet-root 88 p.c.... 9 2 1-2
Months of Shipments ... May—Sellers, 9 7 1-4—Oct.-Dec.—Sellers.
Tone—Firmer with moderate viz.
E A R & Similar Crystals
C & F India ... 13 6 3-4
Months of Shipments June-Aug.—Sellers.
Tone—Steady and quiet.
Mauritius Crystal C & F Calcutta and Bombay ... Nominal.
Months of Shipments ... .
Java Sugar—Inactive, unchanged.

GRIFFITHS' COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

NEW YORK, May 24.

	Bales.
Day's Receipts at U S Ports ...	8,000
Exports to Great Britain ...	.....
Ex

Austrian Closing Tone of Market ...	...	Quiet.
Mauritius Crystals ...May	...	Nomi „
Mauritius Closing Tone of Market	...	.....
E. A. R. and Similar Crystals C.andF. India (double bags) May-June—	13 3	„
E. A. R. and Similar Crystals C. and F. India (double Bags) ...June-July—	.....	
Do. Closing Tone of Market	Quiet.	

LONDON, May 24.

JAVA SUGAR.

Java Sugar 16-18 (Average 17) C. I. F., Calcutta ... June...	11 1 1-2	Value. „
Java Sugar. 16-18. (Average 17) C. I. F. Calcutta ...	...	..
Java Sugar 16-18 (Average 17) C. I.F. Calcutta...July-Dec..	10 9	„
Java Sugar 16-18 (Average 17) Bombay or Karachi ... June...	11 3	„
Java Sugar. 16-18. (Average 17) Bombay and Karachi ...	.....	
Java Sugar 16-18. (Average 17) Bombay or Karachi...July-Dec....	10 10 1-2	„
Java Sugar 26 T. m. O. (or Similar) Calcutta ...June	12 1 1-2	„
Java Sugar 26 T. m. O. (or similar Calcutta ...	.....	
Java Sugar 26 T. M. O. (or Similar) Calcutta ...July-Dec....	11 9	„
Java Sugar 26 T. M. O. (or Similar) Bombay orKarachi. June	12 3	„
Java Sugar 26 T m O. or similar Bombay or Karachi ...	.....	
Java Sugar 26 T O (or Similar) Bombay or Karachi...July-Dec.—	11 10 1-2	„
Closing Tone of Market— Special Feature ...	Quiet and unchanged	

LONDON, May 24.

METALS.

	£ s. d.
Copper, Standard G M B ...	68 15 0
Copper Best English Selected ...	74 15 0
Copper Braziers	82 10 0
Copper Tone of Market— ...	Steady.
Hard Spelter	21 10 0
Tin Block F O B Liverpool ...	228 0 0
Yellow Metal	7 1-8d.
Galvd. Corrugated Sheets, 24 C, G O B 1 p. c. F O B L'pool	11 5 0
Silver, Spot...	27 13-16
Silver 2 months hence ...	28
Do. Tone of Market ...	Steady.

LONDON, May 24.

FINANCIAL.

Silver Spot	27 13-16
Silver 2 months	28
„ Closing Tone of Market—	Steady
„ Tendency, etc., of the Market	.....
Rentes 3 per cent	£ 85 1-2
Consols 2 1-2 per cent ...	£ 74 13-16
Indian Stock 3 1-2 p. cent...	£ 89 3-4
Sterling loan	£ 89 3-4
Govt Securities, 3 per cent...	£ 76
Rupee Paper 3 1-2 per cent ..	£ 64 1-4
Bar Gold per oz	77-9
Opening Tone of Finance Market—	Steady.
Closing Tone of Finance Market—	Quiet.
Bank of England Rate of Discount	4 1-2 p. c.
Exchange on India 30 Days Sight	.. 1 3 7-8
London at Paris Fcs	... 25·21 1-2
Berlin cheques on London Mks	20·44 1-2
Newyork (Demand Bills) Dols	4·86 3-8
Interest day to day loans ...	3
Interest 7 days Market loans.	3
Discount Bank Bills 3 months Sight	3 3-4
Discount Bank Bills 6 months Sight	3 5-8
Fine Trade Bills 3 months ...	4 3-8
Fine Trade Bills 6 months ...	4 3-8

LIVERPOOL, May 24.

COTTON WEEKLY FIGURES.

	Bales.
Total quantity in sight American ...	93,160,000
Egyptian Visible supply... ...	250,000
East Indian Visible supply ...	171,000
American Visible supply ...	2,751,000
Visible supply other places ...	145,000
Total week's Sales	37,000
Total Sold on Speculation ...	2,000
Total for Exportation	2,000
Total amount forwarded to Consumers	94,000
Total Actual Exports	6,000
Total Week's Imports	93,000
Total Stock	1,127,000
Surats Week's Sales	100
Surats Sold on speculation ...	.....
Surats Sold for exportation ...	.....
Surats Amount forwarded to Consumers	.....
Surat Actual Exports	.....
Surat Week's Imports	.....
Surat Stock	.....
Afloat American	.....
Afloat Indian...	.....
Total Afloat	.....

LIVERPOOL, May. 25.

OPENING COTTON.

Days Estimated Sales ...	.....
Tone of Market	.....

Cotton Daly Mid Uplands G. O. C. Liverpool.

Futures.	Latest closing	To-day's opening.
May-June...	6·53	6·52
June-July...	6·50	6·49
July-Aug....	6·46	6·45
Aug.-Sept...	6 36	6·35
Sept.-Oct....	6·22	6·21
Oct.-Nov....	6·14	6·13
Nov.-Dec....	6·10	6·09
Dec.-Jan....	6·09	6·08
Jan.-Feb. ...	6·09	6·08

Prices taken at 10-5 a.m.

MORTALITY IN BOMBAY.

Returns of cases of plague in Bombay city reported from 6 a.m. on the 23rd May, to 6 a.m. on the 24th idem :—

	Attacks.	Deaths.
Total... ...	19	21
Total mortality from all causes	...	102

We are told that only native females living under European conditions, such as the wives of Europeanised Natives are ever insured. Marwaris, the banking and money-lending class, are also indifferent risks, as they live in crowded bazaars, generally refuse to be vaccinated, and are prone to excess in opium and Indian hemp. Petty shop-keepers also indifferent lives, but the best native risks are Government servants, because they have already been examined medically for Government service, and native clerks in European offices, a very common insuring class. Natives who take to European wines or spirits, are generally indifferent risks, as often it leads to excess, and involves the breaking of a very strict caste rule against the taking of an alcohol.

NO PAINS—NO GAINS. But what do you gain if you have pain in any part of your body—be it headache, backache, rheumatism, neuralgia or pain in the joints or muscles? Certainly in that case you really gain if you take pains to get a tube of LAOCOON PAIN-RUB from your Chemist. It gives relief in a rub. See that you get PAIN RUB and no substitute to avoid disappointment. Of all Stores and Chemists,

OTTOMAN BONDS.

The Orient Bank of India Ltd., Lahore, have been appointed agents by the Imperial Ottoman Government for the sale of the Government Treasury Bonds issued by the Minister of finance by virtue of the Imperial "Firman" of the 19th January last. The bonds are issued of the value of Rs. 55,00,00,000 piasters and are secured by the real property tax. The value of each bond is 110 piasters-gold equal to one pound sterling and 55 piasters equal to ten shillings and are sold at their face value. They bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum which runs from the first of December 1912.

By the law and decree of the Imperial Ottoman Government relating to the issue of these bonds full interest will be paid commencing from the 1st December 1912 on all bonds sold before the end of the current month. But on or after the 1st of June 1912 the buyers will have to pay, in addition to the value of the bonds, the amount of the interest accrued on the bonds for the first six months i.e., from the 1st December 1912 to the 31st May 1913. Those who intend to by these bonds should therefore remit the money to the Orient Bank of India Ltd., Lahore Immediately to gain 2 1-2 per cent extra allowed under the imperial Decree.

The bonds are redeemable in five years by yearly instalments on 30th November commencing from the 30th November next and the interest will also be paid yearly on the same dates by presenting the coupons attached to the bonds at all the Imperial Revenue Offices throughout the Ottoman Empire as well as at some of the Bank outside the Empire duly authorised by the Imperial Government.

The Orient Bank has recently been informed by his Excellency the Minister of Finance by telegram of the despatch of the Provisional Treasury Bonds to its address which are expected to reach Lahore on Sunday the 25th instant and will be issued with as little delay as possible. It is a matter of great importance that the Bank has decided to make no charge on the sale of these bonds except the cost of postage and registration fee which the purchasers are required to remit together with the value of the bonds direct to the Head Office of the Bank at Maclagan Road, Lahore or through its Branches at Peshawar, Multan, Lyallpur, Gujrat, Kasur and Bombay. The following Agents have also been authorised by the Bank to receive money for credit of its account without charging any commission from the Depositors and to give their receipts which should be sent to Lahore by the Depositors when the Treasury bonds will immediately issue to them :—

Karachi, Rawalpindi, Srinagar and Murree —Messrs. Cox and Co.

Delhi, Simla and Lucknow—The Bank of Upper India Ltd.

Quetta and Ferozepoor—The Punjab Banking Co. Ltd.

London—The Delhi and London Bank Ltd.

Calcutta:—Punjab National Bank Ltd.

It is hoped that not only the Mussalmans of India but the non-Muhammadans communities will also come forward in very large numbers and without any delay to help the Turks in their time of need. There is perhaps no better opportunity at present for the non-Muhammadans to prove the genuineness of their goodwill and brotherly feelings towards the Muslims of this Country than to join hands with them in subscribing towards the present Turkish loan.

Those Mussalmans who may, on account of their religious scruples hesitate to buy these bonds may purchase the Qarzi hasna bonds of Rs. 5, Rs. 10, and Rs. 50, each issued by the Orient Bank without interest for the benefit of the Turkish Government. These bonds are issued under the proper stamp of the Government of India as required by the Stamp Act. Further particulars may be had from the Head Office or the Orient Bank of India Ltd., Lahore.

PONY BREEDING IN MADRAS.

A NEW SCHEME.

The Madras Government, being dissatisfied with the poor results of the pony-breeding operations during past years, have approved of the following scheme, which will be adopted in the current year :—

The operations will, for the present, be confined to the districts of Salem, Coimbatore, and Madura, and the three stallions now at work which are reported to be in a healthy condition and to be doing their duties well will be allotted one to each district. When any of them shows signs of failing he should be replaced at once by a young and vigourous animal, which might be an Arab or a country-bred. One place in each of the three districts will be selected as the headquarters of the stallion, and each animal should be placed in the charge of a special Veterinary Assistant.

When the demand for the services of the stallion in a taluq has been sufficiently met for the time being, the headquarters of the stallion should be transferred to some place in another taluq in the district and the same course of operations pursued.

With regard to the Superintendent's suggestion that the Veterinary Assistant in charge of the Government stallion should, in addition to his special duties, be responsible for the same work in his taluq as the touring Veterinary Assistant of the district is responsible for in other taluqs, the Board apprehends that it will not be feasible to combine the two duties. If the Assistant tours about the taluq much, he will often not be available when mares are brought. His principal duty must be the charge of the stallion, but the Board has no objection to his doing ordinary work, so far as that does not entail absence from the stallion or to his doing special work on the occurrence of outbreaks of epidemics within the taluq where he is stationed. Mr. Ware's proposal, that the Veterinary Assistant in charge of the stallion should be required to spend at least ten days a month on tour, taking the stallion with him, is open to the objection that his frequent absence on tour would discourage resort to the stallion, as owners of mares would be uncertain of the Veterinary Assistant's movements. When the Veterinary Assistant proceeds to another local centre in the taluq, he should stay there for some little time, so that his presence there may get well-known, and, as regards tours, the best plan seems to be for the Veterinary Assistant to send a monthly programme to the Superintendent with information as to the place or places, if any, which he proposes to visit in the following month, and as to the period for which he proposes to halt there. The Superintendent can then pass such orders as he sees fit.

The Superintendent will give effect to the above scheme, as soon as he is in a position to spare three Veterinary Assistants, and will submit a report on its working after the close of the official year, 1913-14.

THE I. C. S. AND THE BAR.

COMMENT ON THE NEW SCHEME.

The members of the I.C.S. will undoubtedly be grateful for the consideration those in high authority have given to the question of increasing their efficiency by inducing them to read for the Bar; but, if they should look a little coldly on the scheme recently propounded, they may perhaps be forgiven. The Civilian, who feels that the demands of the entrance examination a sufficient call on his devotion to study, would look askance at any such proposal; and even the man whose personal inclinations might lead him to view it with favour would look for the inducement and the facilities. This the Government of India has recognised in a scheme which the Secretaty of State has approved, but as the success of the proposal will be in ratio of the response from the Service it may be open to doubt, says the "Pioneer", whether the encouragement promised will meet the case. It has been decided that a bonus of £25 shall be granted to and officer for each first class obtained in any of the four examinations comprising Part I, and a bonus of £50 for a first class in the Final examination or Part II of the examinations prescribed by the Council of Legal Education for a call of the Bar. An advance will be made of all fees payable in connection with admission to one of the Inns of Court, to be recovered, less the bonuses earned and paid, from the officer's salarly on his return to duty in India—by twelve equal monthly instalments, or by instalments of one-third of his monthly salary. Further, as an inducement to read in the Chambers of a Barrister a sum of £50, or half the fee actually paid, whichever is less, will be granted as part reimbursement to any officer adopting this course who can produce a certificate from the Barrister of due attention and application to study. The Council of Legal Education will also be moved to allow approved officers a special dispensation of two terms on production of a recommendation from the Government of India or a Local Government in India, endorsed if necessary by the India Office.

These briefly are the terms of the offer that is made to the Civilian as an inducement to him to take up an arduous and trying course of study. The question of fees is alone an important one. These would come, say to £200 with "devilling" with a barrister included £100 more. By getting first classes right through a man would recieve £125, and it would be in a very few cases that the whole amount would be earned, for first classes are admittedly very hard to get, and mean a great deal of work. The more likely reward would be £50. Then, for the purposes of study, the furlough earned after eight years' service would have to be sacrificed, and furlough be taken again before fifteen years' service is up, as one of the conditions of the scheme is that an officer who has not obtained a call to the Bar within fifteen years from the date of entering Government service will be ineligible for the privileges offered. And this, whilst furlough is admittedly given for rest and recruitment, and a public servant is prohibited from devoting any portion of it to the taking up of a paying appointment. At present the scheme is to be confined to members of the I. C. S. and of the judicial and executive branches of the Provincial Civil Service, but later the advisability will be considered of extending the concession to officers in other branches. The difficulty of the problem from the point of view of the individual Civilian who has to decide on participation or not in the scheme would seem to be to know in what degree the option is left with him. Such a proposition must, of course, be open to acceptance or refusal, but in the latter case there could hardly fail to be a feeling that chances of promotion later on had been hazarded. This is hardly a fair situation; for there would be a partial insistance on a qualification that the Government can only invite. The case seems to be one in which Government should invite a generous response by an equally liberal offer; but as the inducements of servants in the Malay States Service are enhanced here in India, both the Secretary of State and the Government of India seem equally assured of their benevolence.

COMMERCIAL DELHI.

SOME MISCONCEPTIONS.

Some misconceptions have arisen says the "Pioneer" with respect to the changes that may come in commercial Delhi consequent upon the building of the new Capital. One misstatement needs to be corrected at once: it has been said that the Marwari community have practically decided to go to Kichenganj owing to the high rents ruling in the Chandni Chowk, whereas as a matter of fact they have protested against a new market for piece-goods being opened. As to the complaint of the Delhi Piece-goods Association and the Chamber of Commerce that the Imperial Delhi Committee have only given a non-committal reply to their questions regarding public improvements in the walled city and the utilisation of the space immediately to the south, it is impossible in the circumstances that any final answer could have been forthcoming. The reason is a very simple one: the railway arrangements in connexion with the new Capital have not yet been sanctioned, and until this point has been settled the official Committee cannot make any pronouncement. The position of the new railway station has been fixed—it will occupy a site to the south-east of Paharganj, but the engineers have yet to decide whether the approach shall be through the present narrow channel between the city walls and the Sadr Bazaar, or wheather a better alignment cannot be found for a westward direction. Much will turn upon this decision, and until it is impossible to say what space will be available for expansion of the modern city. Another point that has been put forward is that if traders move outside the walls of Delhi the value of property in the Chowk and elsewhere will depreciate. This is quite possible, but it would not be an unmixed evil. Rents have been run up to such a preposterously high figure already that marchants and middlemen view the position with some apprehension and there is the danger that Delhi may lose some of its great distributing trade owing to the heavy burden of rent-charges for godowns and warehouses. Profits are curtailed by these charges, and a reduction in them, however brought about, would have a good effect. The position is one that requires to be carefully reviewed, but until the railway question is settled it would be well for the commercial community of Delhi to possess their souls in patience. They may rest assured that full consideration will be given to their representations when the time arrives for dealing with them.

THE WEATHER.

DECREASE OF RAIN IN NORTHERN INDIA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, May 24.

Except in Assam and Eastern Bengal, rainfall has ceased in Northern India and the sky has cleared. In the Peninsula there has been an appreciable increase in the number of falls and nearly general rain is reported from Burma. The chief amounts are:—Rangoon, one inch; Akyab, six; Myitkyina, one; Dibrugarh, two; Tezpur, one and a half; Cherrapunji, three; Silchar, and Cox's Bazar, four; Chittagong, one; Barisal, three; Burdwan, two; Sholapur a half; Purbhani one and a-half; and Raichur, two.

The conditions now indicate that the monsoon is entering the south-east of the Arabian Sea.

The temperature condition in Northern India has now returned to normal.

Forecast:—Continuance of rainfall in Burma, North-east India and Peninsula.

SIMLA, May 25.

Rainfall has occurred in Burma, Eastern Bengal, Assam and the Peninsula.

The chief falls are:—Kyaukpyu, two inches; Minbu, three, Gauhati, one; Dhubri, four; Silchar, two; Cherrapunji and Chittagong, three; Jalpaiguri, one half, Cox's Bazar, six; Mercara one; Bijapur and Coimbatore a half. The absence of monsoon winds in the South-east Arabian Sea continues, but the chief activity appears to be at some distance from the Coast.

Forecast:—Rain in Burma, Assam, Peninsula.

STORM SIGNAL.

The following telegram was received on Saturday, by the Port Officer, Bombay, from the Meteorological Department, Simla:—

Conditions indicate monsoon now entering south-east Arabian Sea, squally weather may appear at any time on Malabar Coast.

Appended is Thursday's report of the Meteorological Reporter for Western India, based on observations taken at 8 o'clock.

Names of Stations.	Maximum temperature during the past 24 hours	Minimum temperature during the past 24 hours.	Rainfall past 24 hours.	Rainfall since 1st Nov. to date.
Bushire 23rd	86·8	74·0	...	6·31
Jask ...	...	...	...	...
Muskat 23rd ...	92·3	86 1	...	5·50
Multan ...	...	...	...	...
Rawalpindi ...	95·4	72·1	...	6·01
Lahore ...	99·4	81·2	...	6·61
Sirsa	102·3	82 5	...	2·33
Amba'a ...	95·5	75 9	...	11·20
Delhi ...	93·5	79 8	...	2·74
Agra ...	102·0	83·5	...	3·65
Mainpuri ...	97·8	81·1	...	5·27
Jhansi ...	?	84·5	...	\?
Cawnpore ...	101·2	82·9	...	6·46
Allahabad ...	103·6	8 ·5	...	5 37
Jacobabad ...	...	...	...	...
Karachi ...	90·5	82·0	...	1·27
Ajmer ...	99·1	83 2	...	2 38
Jaipur ...	103·2	82·6	...	1·47
Kotah ...	94·6	?	...	3·49
Bhuj ...	97·5	79·0	...	0 00
Dwarka ...	89 8	83·2	...	0·40
Verawal ...	85·1	80·8	...	0 03
Rajkot ...	103 6	74·3	...	0·48
Bhavnagar Para.	105·0	80·3	...	0·44
Surat ...	96·4	79·1	...	3·59
Ahmedabad ...	105·1	81 2	...	0·48
Deesa ...	104·3	78·9	...	0·93
Neemuch ...	99·9	79 0	...	3·91
Indore ...	99·1	78·1	...	5 32
Jubbulpore ...	102·8	80·8	...	8·00
Saugor ...	100 8	77·1	...	4·84
Hoshangabad ...	103·6	76·4	...	4·54
Khandwa ...	104·2	74·1	0·11	5·96
Akola ...	105·7	78·0	0·09	1·74
Amraoti ...	100 8	77·8	...	1·17
Nagpur ...	101·1	79·3	0 31	2 91
Chanda ...	104·5	83·0	...	6·29
Raipur ...	101 7	84·6	...	4·05
BOMBAY ...	93·3	81·9	...	3 62
Ratnagiri ...	92·3	81·7	...	10·70
Mormugao ...	93 0	82·7	...	3 62
Karwar ...	92·7	80·5	...	3·73
Malegaon ...	100·9	76·1	...	5·29
Ahmednagar ...	101·1	73·0	...	1·24
Poona ...	100·0	70·3	0·66	4·10
Sholapur ...	88·8	70·1	0·57	2 24
Bijapur ...	95 2	76·3	...	4·00
Belgaum ...	94 3	69·5	...	2·58
Aurangabad ...	99·9	74·7	...	1·67
Nizamabad (Indur) ...	91·9	77·2	0·05	3·59
Hyderabad ...	92·3	77·2	...	2·53
Mangalore ...	90 8	78·8	0·30	6·76
Calicut ...	89·8	78·1	0·54	8 62
Cochin ...	90·7	79·2	0 17	9·14
Colombo ...	88·0	76·5	0·44	56·33
Masulipatam ...	95·3	83·2	...	2·79
Ballary ...	96·0	74 3	...	4·75
Cuddapah ...	95·5	79·0	...	11·64
Madras ...	97·5	80·5	...	13 39
Bangalore ...	87·3	67·8	0·02	4·31
Coimbatore ...	94·4	73·8	...	14·74
Trichinopoly ...	94·6	74 3	0·61	13·37
Negapatam ...	98·7	75·2	0·17	27·24

Summary of observations recorded at 8 hours on Saturday, the 24th May, 1913, giving data for the preceding 24 hours.

The Punjab.—Cloud has decreased and skies are now clear or lightly clouded. The moisture in the air is above the average in the south-east Punjab. Temperature continues to rise but is still in defect at a few places during the day, while the minimum is in excess at Lahore.

The United Provinces.—Skies are clear. Humidity is in excess at Mainpuri and Jhansi. Maximum temperature is generally in defect.

Sind and Rajputana.—Skies are clear or lightly clouded. The moisture in the air is nearly equal to the average. Maximum temperature is in defect in Rajputana.

Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West.—Skies are lightly to moderately clouded. The air is damper than usual in north Central India West. Temperature is nearly normal.

The Central Provinces.—Nagpur records 0·31" and Khandwa 0·11" of rain. Skies continue lightly to moderately clouded. Humidity is normal or in excess. Day temperature is below the average in the south-eastern districts. Night temperature is in defect at Hoshangabad.

The Konkan.—Skies are lightly to moderately clouded. The moisture in the air and temperature are equal to the average.

The Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—Local rain has fallen in the Bombay Deccan. Poona has had 0·66" and Sholapur 0·57." Skies are lightly to moderately clouded. The air is damper than usual in the area of rainfall. Maximum temperature is in large defect at Sholapur and Hyderabad. The minimum is also below the average at Sholapur.

General Remarks.—A few dust or thunder-storms accompanied with light to moderate showers occurred in the Central Provinces and the Bombay Deccan. Rain in scattered showers is also reported from the Malabar Coast, the Carnatic and the extreme south. Skies have almost cleared in the central parts of the country, but moderate cloud persists in the Peninsula. Sea has become rough at Colombo.

Some dust or thunder-storms are likely in the Central Provinces, the Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad. A few falls may occur in Mysore and on the Malabar Coast.

CURRENT EASTERN NEWS.

Mr. Neville, Agent, Bengal, and North-Western Railway, will retire shortly and will be succeeded by Mr. Walker, the present Traffic Manager.

The death is announced from fever on Friday at Fyzabad of Rai Ramsaran Das Bahadur, the manager of the Oudh Commercial Bank, and a leading resident of the town.

It is reported from Ipoh, under date the 7th instant, that wild elephants are doing much damage to rubber estates at Sungei Siput, and that thousands of trees have been destroyed. The elephants pull up the trees apparently and eat the roots.

As the services of Lieutenant-Colonel Davidson are required in the Punjab, Lieutenant-Colonel H. G. Melville, professor at the Lahore Medical College, has been appointed Civil Surgeon at Delhi. It is proposed that in future the Civil Surgeon shall be also the Chief Medical Officer of the Delhi enclave.

The programme of the Simla Horse Show, which is to be held on Monday, June 2nd, has been issued. There are fourteen classes. All entries close on Monday, May 26th, and there will be no post entries. Two prizes will be given in each class in which there are four or more entries and one prize when there are less than four. The entrance fee for each horse or pony in each class is Rs. 3.

A cold-blooded murder was committed by a mining coolie of the Oorgaum mine, Bowringpet, on the night of the 19th instant, after which he committed suicide. Having found his wife in the company of another man with whom she was suspected of infidelity, the husband, it is believed, cut her throat with a knife, and then, the other man escaping, committed suicide by hanging himself in his hut with a rope suspended to the roof.

The progress of Co-operative Credit Societies in Bihar and Orissa is described in recent official report, but, as it deals, with the year 1911-12, the news is somewhat out of date. Moreover, it is stated that all the Banks in the Hazaribagh District were about to be wound up, and as these numbered over a hundred one would lik to know their disappearance affected the movement. The urban Banks, as might have been expected, had proved a failure; and success in the rural districts had been mainly gained by central banking unions, financing and controlling aiffiliated societies.

Proposals are on foot to form a Gymkhana Club in Delhi, which shall take over the polo grounds in the old Durbar area and conduct tennis, races, and gymkhanas, next cold weather. A number of leading officials, both civil and military, are interesting themselves in the scheme, and advantage was taken of Mr. Hailey's visit to Simla, to hold an informal meeting on the subject last week. Including the cost of moving the race stands from the old Durbar parade ground to a spot at the back of the present Cavalry lines, improving and keeping up the polo grounds, tennis courts, etc., it is estimated that about Rs. 40,000 will be required.

Considerable difficulty is being felt by the company of carriers to the East Indian Railway at Howrah, owing to the strike of some 300 licensed coolies doing loading and unloading work for the company. The present company are stated to have recently replaced Messrs. Lewis and Co. who had been doing the business for a long time. The exact nature of the grievances of the coolies could not be definitely ascertained. Besides the strikers who are known as the contractors' coolies, there are some 50 railway coolies at Howrah, employed in connection with the loading and unloading business. The majority of the contractors' coolies who struck work are stated to have threatened anyone who did not join them with assault and in a few cases actual assaults are alleged to have been committed.

Two boxes containing regimental plate and trophies hurridly warehoused in 1889, when the 2nd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment left England for the South African War cannot be found. Many of the trophies are regimental heirlooms. They were presented to the old "Saucy Greens," the 100 year-old nickname of the Battalion. Their war service over, the Worcestershires were sent to India. Then the Sergeants' Mess began the search for the regimental plate. No documents bearing on the warehousing could be found, and the four members of the mess who had survived the war had no knowledge of the details of the transaction. The Battalion returned to England about a month ago and inquiries made since then have resulted in the discovery of one box, but two remain unaccounted for.

It is expected that the actual work of clearing the area included in the first scheme of the Calcutta Improvement Trust will begin before September next. The preliminary operations of the Trust demand patience, but delay is rendered inevitable by the necessity of complying with official routine and allowing every possible safeguard for the interests of owners of property. The new scheme gazetted last week is only a minor matter, supplementing the second scheme of the Trust, which will clear a squalid district in the extreme north of the city and will improve the Sham Bazar Bridge Road, Upper Circular Road, and Cornwallis Street. The supplementary scheme provides for the widening of Cornwallis Street. The Trust's first scheme, dealing with an area to the right of Chitpore Road, has been before the public now since July last year, and the work has not yet been started. When once a beginning has been made, however, there is some prospect says the "Statesman" that progress may be a little more speedy.

In 1907-08, a partial failure of the monsoon rains spread devastation among the "Sal" forests of the United Provinces, chiefly in Oudh, where the drought was described as the most severe within the memory of man. Hundreds of thousands of valuable trees perished. The event now forms the subject of a "Forest Bulletin" written by Mr. R. S. Troup, Sylviculturist of the Forest Research Institute at Dehra Dun, who shows, with the aid of photographs, the extent of the damage wrought, and discusses the little that can be done to minimise the effec's of such visitations. One curious fact was that in some places the trees withered in patches, while adjacent areas escaped partly or entirely. The explanation is that beneath the withered patches were beds of sand formed by the action of old rivers; while the areas which escaped had a clay subsoil. The clay retained moisture, while the sand did not. While the recovery of the forests must necessarily be slow, Mr. Troup notes that even in 1912, there were signs of the affected area becoming filled up with young growth.

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SCIENCE NOTES.

ANTENNÆ STRUNG FROM A CLIFF.

According to a newspaper report, an Italian engineer, named Galetti, is building a wireless station under a high cliff in the village of Leschauz, near Chambery, South-East France, with which he hopes to communicate with New York. In place of the usual vertical aerial, he has set up at the top of the cliff two posts each about 25 feet high, between which a wire is stretched. To the wire a series of other wires nearly three thousand feet long are connected and conducted to the instruments in the shack at the foot of the cliff.

FIRE PRODUCED BY ELECTRIC HAND LAMPS.

Recently there was a fire in a theatre in the city of Stettin, Germany, which was attributed to an ordinary electric hand-lamp of the type provided with a wire guard. The matter was investigated, and it was found that the ordinary hand-lamp if provided with a 16 candle-power, 220 volt carbon filament lamp could cause a fire if brought into contact with sawdust or other equally inflammable material in such manner that there is little circulation of air to carry off the heat. But no fires resulted from tests with metal filament lamps of equal rating, although in lamps of 25 or more candle-power ignition could be obtained.

STERILIZING SWIMMING POOLS.

For the past three years, the public baths in the borough of Poplar, London, have been treated with a so-called "electrolytic fluid" which is an oxidizing fluid obtained by the electrolysis of magnesium chloride. A committee appointed by the Royal Sanitary Institute recently investigated the use of this electrolytic fluid and reported very favourably upon it. They found then that when enough of the fluid was added to the water to supply one part of free chlorine for every one or two million parts of water, the pool was kept pure, and free from odor, and there was no tendency for the water to deposit slimy sediments on the floor. This treatment made is unnecessary to renew the water oftener than once in a week or ten days.

THE ELECTRICAL AUCTIONEER.

Auction sales are accompained by a great deal of noise, and in order to do away with this an electrical method has appeared in Holland, which seems quite promising and the sales are now carried on almost in silence. It is now applied to selling eggs by auction, according to the custom which prevails in the agricultural centres throughout the country in the weekly markets. Eggs are auctioned off in 2,500 lots, and on the new plan each bidder has a numbered seat with a push-button and wiring. The seller is stationed in front of a large dial having prices ranged around it from lowest to highest. There is also a large board containing like numbers which can be electrically lighted, and these are connected to the seats. After the proper announcement of the lot of eggs as to quality and weight, the seller starts the hand slowly moving around the dial. When at any figure, the buyer presses his button and the corresponding figure on the board lights up, and his number is registered by an annunciator. As the hand moves on, the next bidder can register a higher number, and so on until the bidding is finished. The method is said to work very well, and no doubt can be applied to all kinds of auction sales.

A FIXED DATE FOR EASTER.

This long-mooted question is discussed anew by Camille Flammarion in "L'Astronomie." It is doubtless regrettable that an epoch in the calendar which fixes the dates of so many other events, civil as well as ecclesiastical, should be subject to such extraordinary variations in its time of occurrence, the extreme range is over a month (March 22nd to April 25th). The French astronmer points out that since for religious reasons Easter must be celebrated on a Sunday, in order that it should fall on the same date every year it would be necessary to reform the calendar as a whole—a step that he considers desirable for other reasons. Pending this consummation, however, he suggests that the range in the date of Easter might be reduced to a week; viz, from April 5th to April 11th.

RELATIVE LAND AND WATER AREAS OF THE WORLD.

In one's school days, one learned that water covers three-fourths of the earth's surface, and land the other fourth. This statement dates back to a time when very little was known about the distribution of land and water in the polar regions, and needs to be considerably revised in the light of recent discoveries. Taking account of the results of the latest polar expeditions, Prof. Wagner estimates that the ratio between land and water is 1:2·42; in other words, that about three sevenths of the earth's surface is land, and the rest water. This estimate assumes that only 10 per cent of the surface north of latitude 80 degrees north is land, an assumption that may be considerably modified by the forthcoming explorations of the great unknown region north of British America and eastern Siberia.

NATURAL HISTORY EXPLORATIONS IN BORNEO.

For more than ten years past Dr. W. L. Abbott, of Philadelphia, has been exploring the Malay Archipelago, and presenting all his collections in natural history, and ethnology to the Smithsonian Institution. The latest annual report of the Institution announces that although Dr. Abbott has been obliged, through illness, to abandon personal participation in this admirable undertaking, he has engaged the services of a collector and provided funds for continuing the explorations he had began in Borneo. The field work will be carried on in eastern Dutch Borneo, the natural history of which is practically unknown, and from which there are at present no collections in American museums. A rich harvest is expected.

BAROMETERS.

An Investigation of Aneroid Barometers has been in progress for the past two years at the U. S. Bureau of Standards, in Washington, and will undoubtedly lead to improvements in the construction of these indispensable instruments. Intercomparisons have been made of a large collection of instruments, from twelve makers. These have been subjected to mechanical, temperature, free-air, and air-pump tests. In the last named the barometer is held at the lowest pressure for 24 hours, in order to observe what is known as the "creep." This is a defect in the action of an aneroid when subjected to a large and rapid change of pressure, consisting of a sluggish adjustment of the index to or toward the correct reading. Its determination appears to be the crucial point in assertaining the quality of an aneroid. One result of these investigations is the development of new standard specifications for the purchase of aneroids by the Government.

AMUNDSEN'S EXPEDITION.

Capt. Amundsen has received a grant of $20,000 from the National Geographic Society toward his coming North Polar expedition. In voting this grant, the research committee of the socoiety desired especially to increase the scientific possibilities of the undertaking, as to oceano-graphic research, meteorological and magnetic observations, etc. Amundsen expects to start North from the Pacific coast some time in the summer of 1914. His ship, the "Fram," which now lies at Buenos Aires, will be sent through the Panama Canal some time this summer or autumn, and it is understood that the authorities have arranged that she shall be the first vessel, other than a man-of-war, to pass through the big cut. The personnel of the coming expedition will be practically the same as that which made the recent journey to the Antarctic. After passing through Bearing Strait, it is hoped that the ship will drift right across the polar basin, following the supposed result of the Melville-Bryant casks and the wreckage of the "Jeannette." In this case, the party should pass not far from the pole, and emerge from the unknown somewhere between Greenland and Spitsbergen.

MR. BENNETT ON "SEEING THINGS."

Mr. Arnold Bennett has begun a series of articles on "The Story Teller's Craft" in the "English Review" and he first deals with "Seeing Life."

"Good observation consist not in multiplicity of detail, but in co-ordination of detail according to a true perspective of relative importance, so that a finally just general impression may be reached in the shortest possible time. The skilled observer is he who does not have to change his mind.

"A genuine observation of the supreme phenomenon that Great Britain is surrounded by water—an effort to keep it always at the back of the consciousness—will help to explain all the minor phenomena of British existence. Geographical knowledge is the mother of discernment, for the varying physical characteristics of the earth are the sole direct terrestrial influence determining the evolution of original vital energy," writes Mr. Bennett.

"All other influences are secondary and have been effects of character and temperament before becoming causes. Perhaps the greatest of them are road and architecture. Nothing could be more English than English roads or more French than French roads. Enter England from France, let us say through the gate of Folkestone and the architectural illustration which greets you (if you can look and see) is absolutely dramatic in its spectacular force. You say that there is no architecture in Folkestone. But Folkestone, like other towns, is just as full of architecture as a wood is full of trees. As the train winds on its causeway over the sloping town you perceive below you thousands of squat little homes, neat tended, respectable, comfortable prim, at once unostentatious and conceited. Each a separate, clearly defined entity! Each saying to the other, "Don't look over my wall, and I won't look over yours!" Each with a ferocious jealousy bent on guarding its own individuality! Each a stronghold—an island! And all careless of the general effect, but making a very impressive general effect. The English race is below you. Your own son is below you insisting on the inviolability of his own den of a bedroom! . . . And contrast all that with the immense communstic and splendid facades of a French town, and work out the implications. If you really intend to see life you cannot afford to be blind to such thrilling phenomena. . . .

"There are people who have lived fifty years in Manchester, Leeds, Hull and Hanley without noticing it. The English idiosyncrasy is in that awful external slovenliness, too, causing it, and being caused by it. Every street is a mirror, an illustration, an exposition, an explanation, of the human beings who live in it. Nothing in it is to be neglected. Everything in it is valuable, if the prospective is maintained. Nevertheless, in the narrow individualistic novels of English literature—and in some of the best—you will find a domestic organism described as though it existed in a vacuum, or in the Sahara, or between Heaven and earth; as though it reacted on nothing and was reacted on by nothing; and as though it could be adequately rendered without reference to anything exterior to itself. How can such novels satisfy a reader who has acquired or wants to acquire the faculty of seeing life?

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DISTINGUISHED INVALIDS.

The Countess of Lauderdale, who has been very seriously ill abroad with pneumonia, has now been able to return to London.

Viscount Iveagh is suffering from a severe chill, and will be laid up for some days.

Lord Erskine, son of the Earl and Coutness of Mar and Kellie, who underwent an operation for appendicitis in Edinburgh recently, is going on well.

Archdeacon Kaye, of Lincoln, is lying seriously ill at Lincoln.

Sir Luke Fildes, who underwent a successful operation on May 6, is stated to be progressing satisfactorily.

The Hon. Roderick Ward, second son of the Earl of Dudley, who for the last three weeks has been lying unconscious at Witley Court, as the result of an accident in the hunting field, is now conscious, and is making rapid progress towards recovery,

Mrs. Chamberiain has undergone an operation at Cannes for appendicitis and general peritonitis. An acute attack of appendicitis with general septic peritonitis developed on May 2, and the operation was performed the same day. The first telegrams which reached this country were somewhat alarming, but later news is more reassuring,

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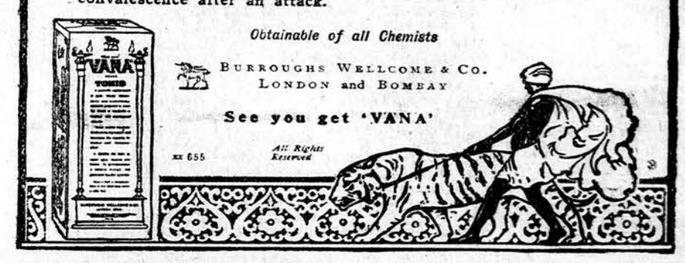

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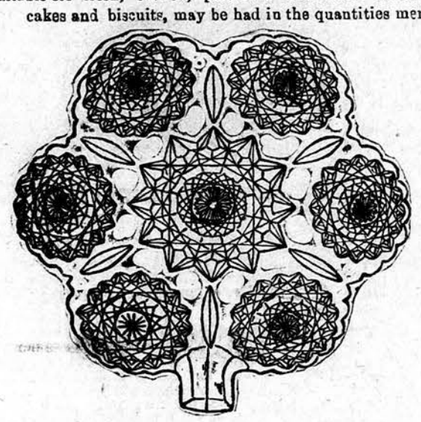

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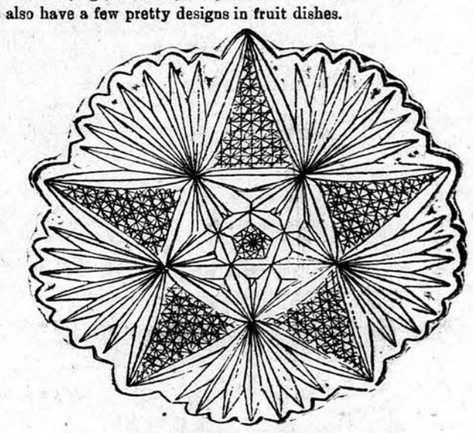

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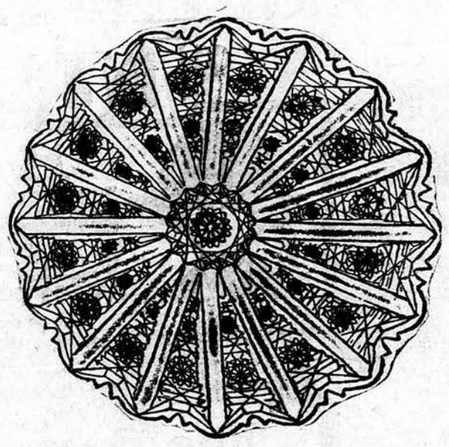

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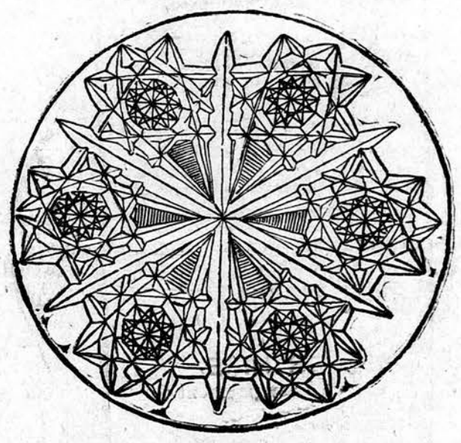

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